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**FRANZ BECKENBAUER has always been accompanied by the sort of luck which only a personality of his genius might earn.**

The smile of fate was on him through an illustrious playing career and on into management when – in his first appointment at any level – he took West Germany to the Final of the World Cup in Mexico and followed up this past summer by victory itself in Italy.

Only Kaiser Franz can boast that he has lifted the World Cup as both captain, in 1974, and manager.

Those admirers, and critics, taken aback by Beckenbauer's stumbling start to his first club appointment in Marseille, right now might reflect that the Midas touch does occasionally abandon Beckenbauer.

When he took over as West Germany boss he had to cope with the successive controversies over outspoken goalkeepers Toni Schumacher and Uli Stein; he had to rebuild the international confidence of key attacker Pierre Littbarski after a nightmare spell in France; and he had to win over a sceptical public.

Beckenbauer, now 44, certainly had the pedigree to cope. As a player he was one of the all-time greats and the only West German to reach a century of international appearances: 103 in his case, mostly in his revolutionary role as attacking sweeper, and all during his years with Bayern Munich. Later Beckenbauer played four years with New York Cosmos and two with Hamburg – but by now he was winding down.

His honours degree reveals the World Cup in 1974 (runner-up in 1966), the European championship in 1972 (runner-up 1976), the World Club Cup (1976), the European Champions' Cup (1974, 1975, 1976), the Cup-winners' Cup (1967), West German league and cup.

He was also a runner-up in the UEFA Cup with Hamburg and a runner-up in the SuperCup with Bayern. With New York Cosmos, Beckenbauer also won the NASL Superbowl in 1977, 1978 and 1980.

It was in 1982 that he retired and two years later that he succeeded Jupp Derwall as West Germany's manager after a disappointing European championship. Going outside the DFB fold for Beckenbauer was highly controversial. As others were quick to point out, he held no coaching qualifications.

But what Beckenbauer held was even more important. He is a winner. The World Cup proved the point. There could be no more appropriate personality for World Manager of the Year.

MILUTINOVIC BILARDO

## WORLD FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

| | | per cent |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | LOTHAR MATTHAUS (Internazionale, West Germany) | 21.9 |
| 2 | SALVATORE SCHILLACI (Juventus, Italy) | 12.1 |
| 3 | DIEGO MARADONA (Napoli, Argentina) | 6.6 |
| 4 | Jurgen Klinsmann (Inter, West Germany) | 6.2 |
| 5 | Paul Gascoigne (Tottenham, England) | 5.8 |
| 6 | Roberto Baggio (Juventus, Italy) | 5.5 |
| 7 | Andreas Brehme (Inter, W Germany) | 5.1 |
| 8 | Roger Milla (Cameroon) | 4.7 |
| 9 | Franco Baresi (Milan, Italy) | 4.4 |
| 10 | John Barnes (Liverpool, England) | 4.0 |
| 11 | Claudio Caniggia (Atalanta, Argentina) | 3.6 |
| 12 | Giuseppe Giannini (Roma, Italy) | 3.3 |
| 13 | Gheorghe Hagi (Steaua/Real Madrid, Romania) | 2.9 |
| 14 | Rene Higuita (Atletico Nacional, Colombia) | 2.6 |
| 15 | Gary Lineker (Tottenham, England) | 2.2 |
| 16 | Romario (PSV Eindhoven, Brazil) | 1.8 |
| 17 | Des Walker (Nottingham Forest, England) | 1.5 |
| 18 | Paulo Futre (Atletico Madrid, Portugal) | 1.1 |
| 19 | Ruud Gullit (Milan, Holland) | 0.7 |
| 20 | Pierre Littbarski (Koln, West Germany) | 0.3 |

Other confirmed nominations: David Platt (Aston Villa, England), Hugo Sanchez (Real Madrid, Mexico), Dragan Stojkovic (Red Star/Marseille, Yugoslavia), Marco Van Basten (Milan, Holland), Gianluca Vialli (Sampdoria, Italy), Roberto Donadoni (Milan, Italy), Dunga (Fiorentina, Brazil), Anders Limpar (Cremonese/Arsenal, Sweden), Paul McGrath (Aston Villa, Rep Ireland), Rafael Martin Vazquez (Real Madrid/Torino, Spain), Jean-Pierre Papin (Marseille, France), John Robertson (Hearts, Scotland), Enzo Scifo (Auxerre, Belgium), Peter Shilton (Derby, England), Carlos Valderrama (Montpellier, Colombia), Rudi Voller (Roma, West Germany), Walter Zenga (Internazionale, Italy).

## WORLD MANAGER OF THE YEAR

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | FRANZ BECKENBAUER (West Germany) | 52.7 |
| 2 | BORA MILUTINOVIC (Costa Rica) | 9.3 |
| 3 | CARLOS BILARDO (Argentina) | 6.3 |
| 4 | Bobby Robson (England/PSV Eindhoven) | 5.4 |
| 5 | Arrigo Sacchi (Milan) | 5.0 |
| 6 | Jack Charlton (Republic of Ireland) | 4.4 |
| 7 | Valeri Nepomniachi (Cameroon) | 3.9 |
| 8 | Azeglio Vicini (Italy) | 3.4 |
| 9 | Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) | 2.9 |
| 10 | Graham Taylor (Aston Villa/England) | 2.4 |
| 11 | Jozef Venglos (Czechoslovakia/A. Villa) | 1.9 |
| 12 | Dino Zoff (Juventus/Lazio) | 1.5 |
| 13 | Guys Thys (Belgium) | 1.2 |
| 14 | Giovanni Trapattoni (Internazionale) | 0.9 |
| 15 | Michel Platini (France) | 0.7 |
| 16 | Arthur Jorge (FC Porto, Portugal) | 0.6 |
| 17 | Vujadin Boskov (Sampdoria) | 0.5 |
| 18 | Johan Cruyff (Barcelona) | 0.4 |
| 19 | Valeri Lobanovsky (Soviet Union) | 0.3 |
| 20 | John Toshack (Real Madrid) | 0.2 |

Other confirmed nominations: Gerard Gili (Marseille/Bordeaux), Roy Hodgson (Malmo/Neuchatel), Gigi Maifredi (Bologna/Juventus), Jim McLean (Dundee United), Graeme Souness (Rangers). *CONTINUED Page 4.*

# United in violence

**FEARS of hooligan violence led to the cancellation of the eagerly-awaited Unification Match between East and West Germany in Leipzig.**

**Those fears were well-founded. Three weeks earlier a fan was shot dead after trouble in that city at an East German league game between Sachsen and FC Berlin. Although the match was cancelled the DFS takeover went ahead as planned – in the approving presence of FIFA president Joao Havelange and secretary-general Sepp Blatter.**

**As the East German federation (the DFV) voted itself out of existence so fighting in the streets led to 20 arrests.**

**● DIEGO MARADONA and Napoli are closer than ever to a parting of the ways. Maradona flew out a day late for Napoli's Champions' Cup defeat by Moscow Spartak. Then he refused to make a short trip to Florence for an Italian cup-tie against Florentina.**

**● DENMARK'S defeat by Yugoslavia provoked angry reaction among the players, with the Laudrup brothers – Michael and Brian – quitting the national team while Richard Moller Nielsen continues as manager.**

**● THE Portuguese government is proposing jail terms of up to four years on anyone found guilty of soccer corruption. This follows revelations of widespread bribery involving First Division clubs and top referees.**

**● MARCO Van Basten can play in the World Club Cup Final against Olimpis of Paraguay on December 9 in Tokyo – his suspension after being sent off in the Champions' Cup second-round return against Brugge applies only to European club matches.**

**Van Basten was originally banned for four games – the European Supercup return against Sampdoria, both legs of the quarter-finals and (assuming Milan qualified) the first leg of the semi-finals. On appeal this was reduced to three matches.**

**Van Basten was sent off for elbowing Brugge's Pascal Plovie, who later needed surgery to repair a cheekbone fracture.**

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## WORLD TEAM OF THE YEAR

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 WEST GERMANY | 28.4 |
| 2 MILAN | 17.6 |
| 3 CAMEROON | 9.6 |
| 4 Italy | 5.2 |
| 5 Liverpool | 4.8 |
| 6 England | 4.4 |
| 7 Internazionale | 4.0 |
| 8 Marseille | 3.6 |
| 9 Napoli | 3.2 |
| 10 Faroe Islands | 2.8 |
| 11 Juventus | 2.4 |
| 12 Vasco da Gama | 2.0 |
| 13 Argentina | 1.6 |
| 14 Olimpia | 1.4 |
| 15 Ajax Amsterdam | 1.2 |
| 16 Atletico Nacional | 1.0 |
| 17 Real Madrid | 0.9 |
| 18 Crvena Zvezda (Red Star Belgrade) | 0.8 |
| 19 Republic of Ireland | 0.7 |
| 20 Sampdoria | 0.5 |

Other confirmed nominations: Anderlecht, Arsenal, Aston Villa, Bayern Munich, Boca Juniors, Costa Rica, IPK Gothenburg, Lausanne, FC Porto, Roma.

**WEST GERMANY went out in glory – winning the World Cup for the third time a matter of months before unification with the East rang down the curtain on an historic era in the German game.**

No country can boast a record to match West Germany: three times World Cup-winners, twice runners-up, once placed third and once placed fourth. Never once did they fail to qualify for the finals and only on one occasion were they beaten in 37 years of preliminaries – at home by Portugal in the 1986 qualifiers.

At Italia'90, West Germany were far and away the best team on view. As the finals progressed, so fatigue began to take its toll. The Germans were criticised widely for not outplaying and outscoring a weakened Argentina in runaway style in the Final.

But the Germans won 1-0 with an Andy Brehme penalty – and, faced by a despondently ruthless Argentine team – what more could have been expected of them?

Having appeared in all three World Cup Finals in the past eight years, West Germany might be considered the team of the decade.

For now, World Team of the Year must suffice.

## PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

### PLAYERS

**1982**
1 Paolo Rossi (Juventus and Italy) 23
2 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern M and W. Germany) 14
3 Paolo Roberto Falcao (Roma and Brazil) 12

**1983**
1 Zico (Udinese and Brazil) 28
2 Michel Platini (Juventus and France) 24
3 Paolo Roberto Falcao (Roma and Brazil) 18

**1984**
1 Michel Platini (Juventus and France) 54
2 Ian Rush (Liverpool and Wales) 9
3 Zico (Udinese and Brazil) 7

**1985**
1 Michel Platini (Juventus and France) 20.6
2 Preben Elkjaer (Verona and Denmark) 11.2
3 Diego Maradona (Napoli and Argentina) 7

**1986**
1 Diego Maradona (Napoli and Argentina) 35.8
2 Igor Belanov (Kiev Dynamo and Sov. Union) 6.2
3 Gary Lineker (Barcelona and England) 5.7

**1987**
1 Ruud Gullit (Milan and Holland) 38.5
2 Diego Maradona (Napoli and Argentina) 13.1
3 Marco Van Basten (Milan and Holland) 8.8

**1988**
1 Marco Van Basten (Milan and Holland) 43
2 Ruud Gullit (Milan and Holland) 21
3 Frank Rijkaard (Milan and Holland) 7

**1989**
1 Ruud Gullit (Milan and Holland) 24
2 Marco Van Basten (Milan and Holland) 18
3 Bebeto (Flamengo/Vasco and Brazil) 10

### MANAGERS

**1982**
1 Enzo Bearzot (Italy) 49
2 Tele Santana (Brazil) 18
3 Michel Hidalgo (France) 7

**1983**
1 Sepp Piontek (Denmark) 29
2 Ernst Happel (Hamburg) 27
3 Nils Liedholm (Roma) 10

**1984**
1 Michel Hidalgo (France) 30

2 Joe Fagan (Liverpool) 15
3 Sep Piontek (Denmark) 8

**1985**
1 Terry Venables (Barcelona) 29.8
2 Howard Kendall (Everton) 28.6
3 Giovanni Trapattoni (Juventus) 5.3

**1986**
1 Guy Thys (Belgium) 15.4
2 Valeri Lobanovsky (Kiev Dynamo and Sov. Union) 14.7
3 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) 14.4

**1987**
1 Johan Cruyff (Ajax Amsterdam) 24.6
2 Udo Lattek (Koln) 17.6
3 Leo Beenhakker (Real Madrid) 16.5

**1988**
1 Rinus Michels (Holland/Bayer Leverkusen) 48
2 Jack Charlton (Rep. Ireland) 13
3 Arrigo Sacchi (Milan) 6

**1989**
1 Arrigo Sacchi (Milan) 42
2 Sebastiao Lazaroni (Brazil) 25
3 George Graham (Arsenal) 8

### TEAMS

**1982**
1 Brazil 30
2 Italy 25
3 Flamengo (Brz) 20

**1983**
1 Hamburg 29
2 Aberdeen 15
3 Denmark 11

**1984**
1 France 45
2 Liverpool 19
3 Juventus 6

**1985**
1 Everton 42.3
2 Juventus 8.8
3 Verona 7.4

**1986**
1 Argentina 14.59
2 Kiev Dynamo 14.55
3 Denmark 8.6

**1987**
1 FC Porto 37.7
2 Ajax Amsterdam 18.9
3 Real Madrid 16.4

**1988**
1 Holland 43
2 PSV Eindhoven 13
3 Liverpool 10

**1989**
1 Milan 51
2 Brazil 23
3 Arsenal 7

● *1988, Marco Van Basten* ● *1985-86, Michel Platini* ● *1983, Zico* ● *1982, Paolo Rossi*

*Left: Matthaus with Sylvia and their children, Alisa and Viola.*
*Above: With Trappattoni and Brehme.*

# ARMCHAIR RIDER

## No. 1 Matthaus is sitting pretty

By SUE MOTT

**MENTION of the 1990 World Cup will for ever conjure visions of Gazza howling to that tune from Turandot. Tears by the Kleenex Kid; music by Puccini.**

But, in reality, the Italian extravaganza was hijacked by the Wagnerian brigade, led by the tough and telling West German captain, Lothar Matthaus. Legs by Michelangelo; wealth thanks to £500,000 a year from a grateful Internazionale.

For 29-year-old Bavarian Matthaus, laying hands on the golden trophy represented the pinnacle of a career that began in less than glorious circumstances with his training as a home furnishings fitter ... just in case. But Lothar Herbert Matthaus has not been required to upholster too many armchairs on his way to sporting immortality.

The claims of other World Cup heroes such as Klinsmann, Brehme, Milla and Schillaci jostled for attention, but Matthaus edged away from the illustrious crowd the moment his second spectacular goal against Yugoslavia in the first round of the World Cup finals hit the net.

He might have sauntered out to the wing but the destroyer-turned-playmaker surged forward, high-hurdled a tackle, and finished with a shot that inspired many a Pavarotti-accompanied action replay. In terms of soccer stardom, he had arrived.

"I cannot say that winning the World Cup was the greatest moment in my life because I have a wife and family they come before sport," said Matthaus. "Football is my hobby.

"But the World Cup was proof I have progressed. In my first final in 1986 I played to control Maradona. This time, I was the leader of the Germans. That is my four-year advance. I am good for the team coaches because I can play anywhere in the middle, although my favourite position is just behind the strikers."

This has been a matter of evolution. Young Matthaus, when he could be persuaded out of the bierkeller, was valued for his containment skills rather than sweeping attacks. A bomb disposal expert rather than the dynamite.

In 1982 he played in the West German team on tour in South America and was awarded the exacting role of marking both Maradona and Zico. At the age of 21 this could be considered precocious.

He was simultaneously acquiring a reputation for waywardness, driving £15,000-worth of new Mercedes into garden fences while under the influence of cocktails and youthful exuberance.

"I was not good. But it's normal for young men to drink beer and whisky. I had to learn. After that crash, I didn't drink and drive again. Now I must concentrate on my work.

The night before matches I might have one beer with dinner and only after the match will I drink three. Or four."

Rebellion over and happily married to childhood sweetheart Sylvia, Matthaus has enjoyed some success at his hobby. Since winning his first cap against Holland in the 1980 European Championships he has progressed from being a disputatious non-leaguer with F.C. Hezogenaurach into a dominant force for Internazionale, where he plays with fellow-German lire-mongers Brehme and Klinsmann.

Along the way he played with Borussia Monchengladbach before moving in 1984 to Bayern Munich, where he won three Bundesliga titles and the German Cup. The transfer to Italy in 1988 reflected his new incarnation as the thoroughly modern footballer.

"Lothar is the universal player," said his club manager, Giovanni Trapattoni. "He is the complete modern footballer.

"He has the character of a winner, he has good technique and he was simply the best in the World Cup, He is very important to us.

"I knew him when he was young and he was very immature in mind and behaviour, but after he came to Milan he had a transformation. His mind is now quiet and mature."

Which is just as well given the Milanese rapture that greets him everywhere he goes in his adopted city. "Italy is a different culture," said Klinsmann. "They talk and talk and talk about football without any end.

"It's not possible for Lothar to walk down the street. They recognise him in a second. They want to touch him. Sometimes it is difficult to accept that they treat football as life and death."

But Matthaus has adapted. His ties are Italian silk, his diet is Italian pasta (supplied on the road by Inter's travelling chef) and his ambition is to supplement the Italian title won in 1989. In a career spanning ten glorious years he has never won a single European trophy.

His World Cup record makes up this omission slightly, but in both finals Matthaus has been less than fortunate. In 1986, while guarding Maradona, he was forced to play with a broken wrist disguised by a flesh-coloured bandage.

"Football is my work. When you have a chance to play in the World Cup final, I don't care if you have two broken hands or two broken legs, you still play. I play for Germany with my heart."

In Rome, a pair of new boots sabotaged his moment of glory. Reports at the time suggested that Matthaus refused to take the 84th-minute penalty against Argentina due to an ankle injury. The truth was more mundane.

"I split a boot in the first half and had to change to new ones for the second. It would not have been good for me psychologically to take the penalty, so Brehme was given the job. I did not wish it was me. I am a non-egotist."

But the non-egotist can be roused by suggestions that West Germany, circa 1990, bear little comparison in terms of shining star quality with WG'74, Beckenbauer, Breitner and Mueller, or even the Rahn-inspired boys of'54 who beat Hungary in the final. The Hungary of Puskas, Kocsis and Hidegkuti.

*The moment of triumph for West German skipper, Matthaus, the teenage armchair upholsterer who became a World Cup collector.*

### Improved

"I am another player, a different type," said Matthaus hotly. "Twenty years ago, football was very different. It went slowly. There was time to stop the ball, look and play. Now you look and shoot all in one moment.

"But I still see big stars today. I see Gascoigne, Schillaci, Baresi, Maradona. To me Maradona is still the greatest player in the world.

"And England, as a team, have improved. Ten years ago it was all kick and rush. Now England teams play very well. They have technique.

"Gascoigne – what do you call him? Gazzo? – is crazy. But in a positive way. He is good for football. Players like him are an inspiration for young people in the street."

Whether Beckenbauer, friend and mentor to Matthaus, was inspiration to the latest German captain is a moot point.

Silky elegance is hardly a hallmark. Aggression, speed and muscular endeavour have replaced Beckenbauer's urbanity. But in the general frenzy of European football it could hardly be otherwise.

If his legs can stand the pace, and rumours abound of a hampering injury, Matthaus might possibly succeed in his ambition to overtake Beckenbauer's record 103 caps for West Germany. Matthaus is 20 short.

"Everyone expects us to be the favourite in the next World Cup," he says. "But history shows that big teams have problems with little teams. Look at Cameroon and Argentina, England and Egypt."

Matthaus can contemplate retirement, but only from a safe distance. They day when he moves into Kitzbuhl, in a luxury apartment with the Beckenbauers as near neighbours, as yet holds no allure.

As Klinsmann says: "Whatever he says about football just being a hobby, Lothar simply lives for the game."

# Out goes Toshack

## Who's next for the hottest seat in Spain?

BY GRAHAM TURNER

IT was well past eight o'clock in the evening on Monday November 19 when club president Ramon Mendoza walked into the press room at the Bernabeu stadium and announced that the 18 members of the Real Madrid board had, after over two hours of debate, decided unanimously to sack John Toshack.

Most of the two hours, however, had not been dedicated to the foregone conclusion of Tosh's departure but to the problem of who was going to replace him. Toshack's 18-month regime had convinced club insiders such as Alfredo Di Stefano that managing this Real squad is a heavy-duty commitment.

As usual, bad results were given as the reason for the coach's dismissal. But the defeat in Valencia which had precipitated events was worse than the 2-1 scoreline suggests. Real's performance confirmed that Toshack's outfit was operating well below the high standards of football expected from a club of Real's tradition.

*Emilio Butragueno (right) ... jaded since the World Cup.*

*Alfredo Di Stefano ... heavy commitment.*

Toshack might be justified in feeling hard done by. He had been the victim of a deadly combination of circumstances in which his own abrasive character was sometimes an additional enemy. Even during pre-season training he was aware that big problems were just around the corner.

Mendoza had been unable or unwilling to prevent the departures of key midfielders Rafael Martin Vazquez and Bernd Schuster. Nor had he made the signings – such as John Barnes and Des Walker – that Tosh had requested before the World Cup. The two foreign signings, Gheorghe Hagi and Predrag Spasic, have been disappointingly slow to adapt, with Hagi in particular reluctant to accept even a moderate workload.

Then came the injuries. Out went Luis Milla, Paco Llorente and Rafael Gordillo on a long-term basis. On top of that, key players such as Michel, Emilio Butragueno, Manolo Sanchis and Francisco Villarroya came back jaded and unmotivated from the World Cup.

And when performances on the pitch dropped below par, the dressing-room cliques which Toshack had been hired to sort out reappeared with more virulence than ever.

Mendoza began to conduct secret meetings with the most influential players behind Toshack's back. Club captain Chendo was mortified to discover that he was not even included in these clandestine meetings. Mendoza, who had publicly slated Toshack for some of his pre-season line-ups, rapped Toshack over the knuckles for criticising his players' performances. And, to rub salt into wounds, Johan Cruyff's Barcelona finally got their act together and raced into the pole position.

"It was a relief, in a way, to have a definite decision," said Toshack after his dismissal, "after two months when every game seemed likely to be my last. My main regret is not having won the European Cup last season and leaving with the job half-done this season with the side already in the quarter-finals. But I couldn't have continued in this situation."

### Dominant

Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker had handed over to the Welshman in June 1989 complaining that his three seasons at Real had aged him ten years, and Tosh's face as he left the Bernabeu stadium told the same story. "There are certain players who have been at this club for a long time," Toshack significantly remarked. "And the Real dressing-room is very big."

The underlying problem at Real is that the coach is the filling in a sandwich, compressed between a dominant president and a bunch of very powerful players, with 100,000 very demanding fans in the background. At a club where one league title and an all-time record of 108 goals in Tosh's brief reign is regarded as failure the managerial seat has become one of the most uncomfortable in Europe.

Di Stefano was likely to take charge in a caretaker capacity while speculation abounds over the identity of a "permanent" successor to Toshack.

Names mentioned include Vujadin Boskov (Sampdoria), Guus Hiddink (Fenerbahce), Vicente Cantatore (Sevilla), Luis Aragones (Espanol) and Terry Venables (Tottenham).

As for Toshack, he would be welcomed back at Real Sociedad.

*Madrid's target man – See Pages 18, 19.*


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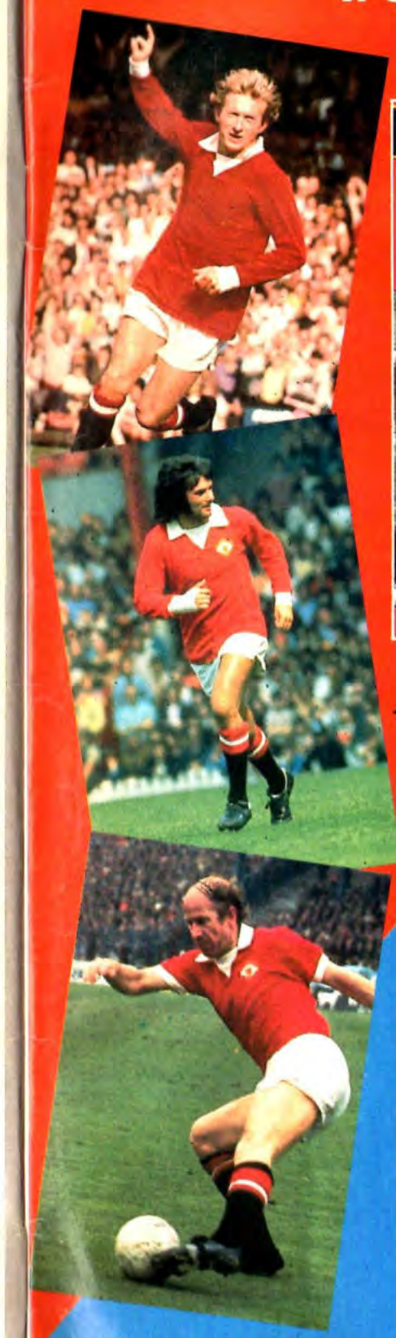

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# The team they love to hate

# BAYERN MUNICH

## ULI'S GANG JUST KEEP ON WINNING

**BY ARTHUR ROTMIL**

BAYERN MUNICH general manager Uli Hoeness is not joking when he says: "There is an organised conspiracy against this club. Everybody hates us."

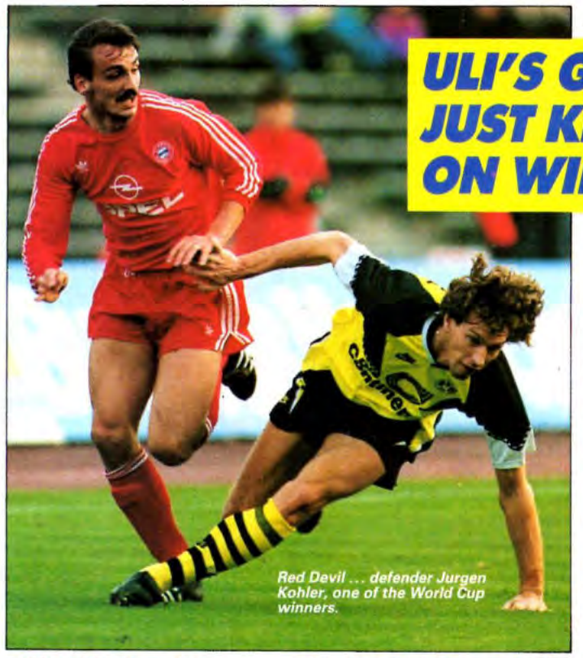
National champions are generally praised, admired and respected. In Germany they are often criticised, denigrated and vilified.

This amazing love-hate relationship still exists between Bayern, the country's most successful club of all time, and the bigots from outside Munich.

Hoeness complains: "The media are helping to stoke up the atmosphere against us. When we lose a match they talk of a major disaster and invent a crisis. All this is deliberate, to upset us."

But the fact remains that his club are envied and fully supported on the international scene even if domestic defeats are greeted with malicious pleasure.

Bayern are sneered at for having accumulated too much money and for trying to buy success. They are accused of being arrogant and of playing what the Germans call "Minimalisten-Fussball" – performing to the minimum necessary to win matches, without unduly exerting themselves.



Red Devil ... defender Jurgen Kohler, one of the World Cup winners.

Hoeness, too, is controversial and has alienated many with his outspoken views. He is a butcher's son from Ulm, now perhaps the most powerful man within a club in Germany.

Undoubtedly his forthright attitude has contributed to the antipathy against Bayern. Yet Hoeness was a member of the "Magnificent Six" who formed the backbone of West Germany's most successful club and national team. Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Muller, Paul Breitner, Sepp Maier, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck and Hoeness helped to win the European Championship in 1972 and the World Cup in 1974. Remarkably, not one had been bought.

They laid the foundations to the present success story, for Bayern are now more than just a football club – they are an institution, a commercial enterprise run highly efficiently on a firm financial basis, with a structure their rivals vainly try to emulate.

The FC Bayern Munchen (it means Bavaria and Munich in German), have become the country's largest sports club, with a registered membership of 16,000. They cater for soccer, handball, table tennis, gymnastics, basketball, chess and bowling.

Red Devil ... striker Roland Wohlfarth, a bargain at £350,000.

## Honours

But football is their greatest glory ... 12 championships, eight cup wins (both German records), three Champions' Cups, one Cup-Winners' Cup, a world club championship and two German Supercups.

In the past 12 years they have never finished lower than fourth. All their successes, with the exception of one pre-war championship in 1932 and the cup win in 1957, have been crammed into a period of 24 years.

Yet when full professional football was introduced in West Germany and the first National League, the Bundesliga, was created by invitation in 1963, Bayern were not considered. Worse still, local rivals TSV 1860 had been voted into the upper sphere.

The 1860 club, founded 40 years before Bayern and wearing the blue and white state colours of Bavaria, had longer tradition and greater support even when the two clubs were together in the Bundesliga. But Bayern won promotion in 1965 and after that they never looked back.

In 1969 they became the first German club to do the double of Bundesliga and DFB-Cup. By that time the nucleus of the side had been formed by the "Big Six" who were to lead them and the national team to the golden era of German football.

Hoeness ... an organised conspiracy against us.

Over the years Bayern have employed numerous coaches. The most successful was Udo Lattek, who won 14 trophies, including all three European competitions, with three clubs.

But two men take the main credit for Bayern's rise to fame – president Wilhelm Neudecker and technical director Robert Schwan, who apart from buying and selling players and fixing their contracts, acted as the business agent for some of them, including Beckenbauer.

The Neudecker-Schwan tandem showed remarkable business acumen and shrewd leadership, and have turned an amateur and social club into one of Europe's richest sporting enterprises.

## Wear and tear

An important move was made in 1972 when Bayern left their old ground for the council-owned Olympic stadium, which now holds 73,000. When the great team of the seventies fell apart through age and wear and tear, a new side was built.

Uli Hoeness, whose playing career was cut short by a knee injury, was appointed business and general manager 11 years ago, and is responsible for the hiring and firing of managers (a team coach is called a trainer in Germany).

In the 80s Lattek returned for another spell and between 1983 and 1987 he led Bayern to a further three league titles and two DFB-Cups. But the greatest prize, another European Champions' trophy, has sadly eluded them. They reached two finals, losing to Aston Villa in 1982 and to Porto in 1987.

Then Heynckes was engaged, a former international striker who made his name with Borussia Monchengladbach and is still in charge of the team.

Red Devil ... sweeper Klaus Augenthaler, 15 years a Bayern player.

Red Devil ... striker Alan McInally, formerly with Celtic and Aston Villa.

Meanwhile Bayern began facing increasing competitition for players from other clubs, mainly Italian, who can pay three times as much as even Bayern can afford. For example Lothar Matthaus and Andy Brehme both went to Inter-Milan in 1988.

Bayern earned a lot of money from those and other transfers, but they are having problems finding adequate replacements because the international market is dominated by Italian and Spanish clubs.

German clubs are run by committees elected for a specific period of time. That is why every club fixes a budget before the start of the season and tries to keep outgoings to that figure.

This season Bayern again set a budget of £5 million, and they need 28,000 spectators a game to break even. Strangely enough, they sold only 3,900 season tickets – under a third of Borussia Dortmund's total.

Perhaps the steep increase in the top bracket is to blame. A season ticket for the terraces costs between £33 and £60, a seat between £107 and £250.

Executive boxes are the dearest in the Bundesliga, £830 to £1,000 per person. For that patrons get free parking, some 100 yards from the stadium, a cold buffet and drinks. Ordinary spectators pay £3-£5 on the terraces, and £5-£13 for seats.

Gate receipts account for 65 per cent of income, but sponsorship is an important source. Bayern's main sponsor is car manufacturer Opel (controlled by GM of America), who pay a European record of £5 million over three years.

Bayern's annual turnover is more than £8 million, and more is to come. Bundesliga clubs already receive £500,000 a year from the two state TV services, ARD and ZdF, and private channels. From March they will cash in handsomely from Pay-as-you-view TV.

The biggest outgoings are on salaries, bonuses and travel, which cost some £4 million a year. The players are well rewarded with £700 per away point, £500 for every home point. Sometimes when the team do particularly well the board authorise an increased bonus.

For European success there are separate premiums in accordance with the status of the opposition. The club also pay a so-called performance bonus. A player appearing in 21 or more games is entitled to 100 per cent bonus, which could bring him £30,000 p.a. An average player could earn up to £170,000 a year, not including advertising and promotion work.

He can expect £13,000 for winning the championship, £10,000 for the DFB-Cup and £15,000 for the Champions' Cup. And there is an additional bonus if attendances exceed an average 32,000.

This season the management invested £4.3 million on new players. Danish striker Brian Laudrup (ex-Bayer Uerdingen) became the Bundesliga's most expensive signing at £2 million, midfielder Stefan Effenberg (ex-Borussia Monchengladbach) cost £1.4 million and striker Michael Sternkopf (ex-Karlsruher SC) £1.1 million.

Hoeness claims: "We now have the best squad of all time" – but he cannot be serious, even though Bayern have seven players (including the Scotsman Alan McInally) who were in World Cup squads.

They could have problems with those who are unhappy on the bench. This, as Hoeness realises, could soon lead to friction.

The recent signings caused a deficit of £2m, but club president Fritz Scherer claims: "I'm not worried – though we need every mark."

Bayern will remain in the forefront of German football, and if they achieve their objective – winning the Champions' Cup this season – they will at last upstage those much envied Italian and Spanish clubs.

CONTINUED OVER

All part of the furniture ... Bayern's home ground, the Olympic Stadium (left), a part of the trophy room, and the committee's pride and joy, the training ground.

## BAYERN MUNICH (continued)

*Green Devil (with a tasteful motif) ... Jupp Heynckes.*

**THE COACH**

Josef "Jupp" HEYNCKES. Aged 45 (born May 9, 1945). Played for Grun-Weiss Holt, Borussia Monchengladbach and Hanover'96, appeared in 396 Bundesliga matches and scored 220 goals – third best record in history. Top scorer in 1974 (shared) and 1975.

Gained 39 caps as a striker and hit 14 goals. Played in the European Championships in 1972 and gained a winner's medal, and in the 1974 World Cup finals.

Became assistant manager at Gladbach in 1978-79, helping to win the UEFA Cup. From 1979 till 1987 was team manager there. Since July 1, 1987 team chief at Bayern with whom he won his first trophy, the league championship, in 1989, and in 1990.

Heynckes is known to oppose expensive signings, preferring instead to give everybody in the squad a fair chance. Following rumours of disagreements with general manager Uli Hoeness on tactics and team selection earlier this season, he was tipped to take over from John Toshack at Real Madrid.

But the speculation ended when he extended his contract with Bayern, prematurely, for another two years.

**THE PLAYERS**

Raimond AUMANN. Goalkeeper, aged 27 (born October 12, 1963).
Played for two clubs in Augsburg before joining Bayern in 1980. Spent six years as understudy to the great Belgian Jean-Marie Pfaff. Made the breakthrough into the national side in 1989, into the World Cup squad and is now Germany's No. 2.

Sven SCHEUER. Goalkeeper, aged 19 (born January 19, 1971). Came from amateur club SV Boblingen in 1988 and still hasn't signed professional forms. Very talented in all aspects of goalkeeping.

Klaus AUGENTHALER. Sweeper, aged 33 (born September 26, 1957).
Team captain who began with his local club, FC Vilshofen. Now 15 years at Bayern.

A commanding personality, equally strong in any defensive position, has superb vision and a cracking shot. Member of the Mexico World Cup squad (1986) and World Cup winner in 1990. Now retired from the national side.

Roland GRAHAMMER. Defender, aged 27 (born November 3, 1963).
Joined Bayern two years ago from Nurnberg in a package deal which included Stefan Reuter and cost £1.9 million. Played for the 'B', Olympic and Under-21 side.

Thomas KASTENMAIER. Defender, aged 24 (born May 31, 1966). Three years with the club, having rejoined from Milbertshofen.

Jurgen KOHLER. Defender, aged 25 (born October 6, 1965). Joined from Koln in 1989 for £1m. A superb man-marker and tackler, fast, strong in the air. Another World Cup winner.

*Red Devils ... Brian Laudrup (above) and Olaf Thon (right).*

*Red Devil ... Thomas Strunz.*

*Red Devil ... Manfred Bender.*

Hans PFLUGLER. Defender, aged 30 (born March 27, 1960). Came from amateur club Vottig-Weihenstephan 15 years ago. Left-sided defensive player, a ball winner and very good in the air. Was in the European Championship squad in 1988 and in the World Cup expedition in 1990.

Stefan REUTER. Defender, aged 24 (born October 16, 1966).
Another former Nurnberg man, who came with Grahammer in 1988.
All-rounder, non-stop runner and strong tackler. Played in six out of West Germany's seven World Cup games and was sub in the final.

Hans DORFNER. Midfielder, aged 25 (born July 3, 1965). Also from Nurnberg, and returned to Bayern in 1986. Although a full international, he didn't make it into the World Cup squad. A fine tactician with excellent technique.

Stefan EFFENBERG. Midfielder, aged 22 (born August 8, 1968).
Signed from Borussia Monchengladbach in the summer for £1.4m. On account of his stature he makes an ideal defensive midfielder, strong in the air and in the tackle, and dangerous near goal.

Allan NIELSEN. Midfielder, aged 19 (born March 13, 1971). Two years with Bayern, having joined from Danish club Esbjerg. Hasn't yet made the first team.

Manfred SCHWABL. Midfielder, aged 24 (born April 18, 1966). Yet another ex-Nurnberg player who returned to Munich. Gained four caps, but is now unhappy in the reserves.

Thomas STRUNZ. Midfielder, aged 22 (born April 25, 1968).
Engaged from MSV Duisburg in 1989, the new great hope of German football. Made it into the national team this season and now new manager Berti Vogts says: "Strunz is a valuable all-rounder." Voted by Vogts and the Bundesliga club captains Player of the Month in September.

Olaf THON. Midfielder, aged 24 (born May 1, 1966). Signed from Schalke for £1.1m in 1988, after rejecting offers from Italian, Spanish and Greek clubs. A superb technician, yet has not turned out to be that world-class star everyone expected. Played in the World Cup finals, though not fully fit, and missed the actual final. Scored in the decisive penalty shoot-out to defeat England in the semi.

Christian ZIEGE. Midfielder, aged 18 (born February 1, 1972). Hails from Berlin and came to Bayern from Hertha Zehlendorf in the summer for only £12,000. Has height and potential technique to make the grade.

Manfred BENDER. Striker, aged 24 (born May 24, 1966). Played for four amateur clubs in and around Munich before joining Bayern in 1989. He is 6ft 2in, the tallest member of the squad. Faces fierce competition for a place and is only a reserve so far.

Brian LAUDRUP. Striker, aged 21 (born February 22, 1969). Began with Brondby (Denmark), then joined Bayer Uerdingen for £800,000, before being signed by Bayern for a Bundesliga record £2 million. Denmark's Footballer of the Year 1989, a maker rather than taker of goal chances.

Alan McINALLY. Striker, aged 27 (born February 10, 1963). Nicknamed "Rambo". Moved from Celtic to Aston Villa for £225,000 in July 1987. Bayern took him 18 months ago for £1.1m. Began well, but has been disappointing lately and offered for sale.

Radmilo MIHAJLOVIC. Striker, aged 26 (born November 19, 1964). Another who failed to fulfil expectations Bayern snapped him up from Dynamo Zagreb, also in 1989, for £500,000. Has six caps for Yugoslavia.

Michael STERNKOPF. Striker, aged 20 (born April 21, 1970). Moved from Karlsruher SC in the summer to Bayern for £1.1 million. A highly talented striker for whom a great future is prophesied.

Roland WOHLFARTH. Striker, aged 27 (born January 11, 1963). Transferred from MSV Duisburg in 1984. Joint top scorer in the Bundesliga in 1989, and a bargain at £350,000.



# LETTERS

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## Give these ideas a fair hearing

**SIR** – I feel I speak for millions of fans when I say that FIFA should be congratulated for taking steps to modify the laws of the game in an effort to increase the number of goals scored. The proposals should receive a fair hearing and be tried in a top-class competition.

How long must supporters be subjected to scoreless draws and be expected to feel grateful if as many as three goals are scored in 90 minutes?

Scoreless games can offer excitement and entertainment, but lack of goals in big competitions leaves a sour taste.
PETER GREAVES, 6 Oxford Street, Kensington 6151, Perth, Western Australia.

## Money talks

**SIR** – I am very concerned with the direction FIFA is taking with reference to the next World Cup being held in America.

The main reason for hosting the World Cup in America is the expected earnings from the American market. OK, money talks.

But when FIFA begins to chance the rules of the game, like offside and now the length of the goal, the line must be drawn.

Soccer must not change for the Americans. The Americans must learn to play soccer like the rest of the world.

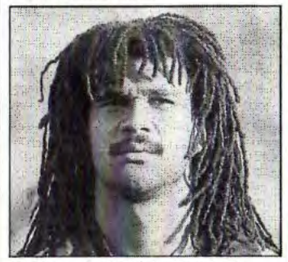
They are guaranteed a seat at the World Cup just by hosting the games. What more do they want?

I've lived in the USA for over 16 years and have seen the rise of soccer in the 1970's and the fall shortly after. The average American plays soccer with a rule book in one hand and a how-to-play-soccer book in the other hand.

They have little natural feeling for the game. For the majority of Americans, soccer is simply a new fashion. It's a prerequisite for the American male to become a man of the world and to show he is well cultured.

The only real benefit the peoples of the world may get from the World Cup in America is that the Americans will have to open their doors to allow fans from around the world to come and see the game.

So, if you have not been able to obtain a visa to come to America, in less than four years, you will have the best chance to come and stay. HA, HA, HA.
A football fan in America.



*Gullit . . . in the highest rank of world-class footballers.*

## Humiliated

**SIR** – Re the article in the October issue about Marco van Basten, Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard. These players are in the highest rank of world-class footballers, probably the most admired trio in the history of AC Milan.

Given the right circumstances, they could combine to form a world-beating team, but they were treated unfairly and expected to stand back while publicly humiliated by the KNVB, including Rinus Michels, their current national manager.

During the World Cup there was obvious unrest in the Dutch camp, and this was brought out by their below-average play (but by no means as poor as some have suggested).

We hope some arrangements can be made soon between the KNVB and the heart of the team (i.e. Marco, Ruud and Frank) before Holland's chances of winning another major championship vanish forever.
LLINOS JONES AND REBECCA PIERCE, Caer Siddi, Llanddeiniolen, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 3AD.

*World Cup 1990 . . . poor referees and a lack of basic sportsmanship.*

## Appalled

**SIR** – I saved up for years to combine the World Cup with a stay in Europe. What a disappointment?

I saw 11 games in seven venues,plus many more on TV, and was appalled by the low standard, poor referees, blatant cheating and cynical lack of basic sportsmanship among the majority of competing teams.

That the "theatricals" of Argentina and West Germany should reach successive finals says little for the standards of the rest.

Now, with the news of FIFA's disastrous proposals to fit in with what they think American TV viewers want, I think we've seen the last of a true World Cup.
BRIAN GORDON, Tarikaka Street, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

## Goal worry

**SIR** – So FIFA may increase the size of the goals in time for the next World Cup. I'm worried, especially from a goalkeeper's point of view.

Can't they decide on something a little less drastic if they want to promote more goals? Why not three points for a win, or points to be awarded for hitting the woodwork or gaining corners?

In the event of a draw, use these extra points to decide the winner. This could be used instead of penalty shootouts, although preferably after a replay.

With all the media and officials, it should not be hard to keep a tally.

The new offside rule might help to increase the number of goals scored, but as far as using bigger goals is concerned, get real, FIFA.
J. SOULTANIAN, RMB 76 Pacific Highway, Sapphire Beach, NSW, Australia.

## Brazil chaos

**SIR** – I have been reading with interest about the shambles of the Brazilian league system – teams not turning up for matches, grounds half empty, the endless amount of players going abroad, and the latest fiasco with Vasco and Botafogo both claiming the Rio championship.

FIFA should clamp down on the Brazilian FA, because something must be done.
RICHARD BOLTON, Dundee.

# PEN PALS

TWO Nigerian teenagers seek penfriends anywhere. Both like soccer travel and reading. Onukwube Archemidis, 11 Ajasa Street, Onitsha, Anambra, Nigeria; Roberto Georgies, 16 Oguter Road, Onitsha, Nigeria.
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SPORTS journalist, 24, would like penfriends of both sexes anywhere in the world. Hobbies: all kinds of football, music, magazines, videos. Please write in English or Spanish to Carlos Alberto Martinez, Vega Betania, Calle "J" La Gloria, Apartado 11216, Zona-6, Panama City, Central America.
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FOOTBALL, tennis, table tennis and travel are among my hobbies. I am male, 20, and seeking penpals. Andy Umeano, PO Box 5493, Marina-Lagos, Lagos State, Nigeria.

## EXCHANGES

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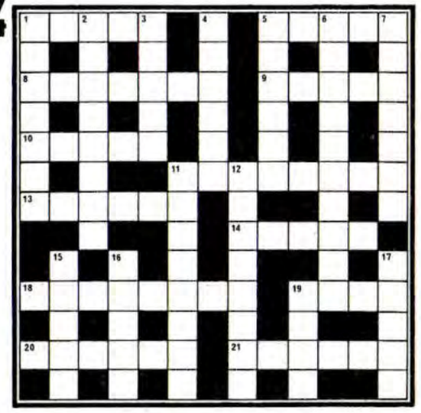
I COLLECT soccer badges and can exchange for those of Polish clubs. Komar Mariusz, 20-864 Lublin, Kameralina 5/35, Poland.

# WORLD SOCCER CROSSWORD

**Compiled by Barry Talbot**



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1. Spanish league side. 5. Brazilian midfield player. 8. Nickname of Everton F.C. 9. Sosa or Ayala. 10. Host country of the 1982 World Cup Finals. 11. Italian who missed a World Cup semi-final penalty. 13. International colleague of 5 Across. 14. Mario, Inter star of the sixties. 18. Top Team from Uruguay. 19. Ex- West Brom player and Peterborough manager. 20. Swiss referee of the 1966 World Cup final. 21. Legendary Hungarian inside forward.

**DOWN:**
1. Argentinian hard man defender. 2. Top international goalkeeper. 3. Former Celtic and Scotland manager. 4. Brazil's 1970 World Cup centre forward. 5. Shared the same fate as 11 Across. 6. Recently departed Russian team boss. 7. Top Spanish defender. 11. Controversial British soccer manager. 12. 1980 World Club champions. 15. Member of Argentinas 1978 World Cup winning side. 16. Blades striker. 17. Former Benfica and Portugal goalkeeper. 19. England midfield player.

**November Crossword Answers**

ACROSS: 1. Weber. 4. Salinas. 8. Elm. 9. Luque. 10. Borja. 11. Sol. 12. Eder. 13. Andrade. 15. Chovanec. 16. Uli. 19. Ablett. 21. Alvin. 22. Rep. 23. Manga. 24. Pirri. 25. Arsenal. 26. Del.
DOWN: 1. Wylie. 2. Baquero. 3. Rees. 4. Smolarek. 5. Libuda. 6. Nordahl. 7. Suarez. 14. Matthaus. 15. Chapman. 17. Iriarte. 18. Happel. 20. Landa. 22. Rahn.

# THE DANISH ROCK

## Villa can build on Nielsen

**BY TIM COLLINGS**

**KENT NIELSEN, the powerful Danish defender with a dynamite shot, has emerged as the foundation stone on which Denmark and Aston Villa can build in their quest for honours.**

With the Villa team containing stars such as David Platt, Tony Daley, Gordon Cowans and Tony Cascarino, Nielsen often passed unnoticed ... until Villa met Inter Milan in the UEFA Cup.

In the first leg, at Villa Park, Nielsen opened the scoring with a perfectly struck drive on the run from 25 yards and his club took command on the way to a 2-0 win.

It was a shot Bobby Charlton would have been proud of, but Nielsen was just as proud of the fact he had helped to blot out Jurgen Klinsmann and Aldo Serena. He was unable to do the same in the second leg, but he still sees his rising reputation as indicating only the start of an exciting new period in his career – not the peak.

For with Denmark showing signs of a serious revival in their challenge for a place in Sweden in 1992, Nielsen has two exciting prospects lying ahead.

"When I first came to Villa I did not really expect to do so well," he admitted. "The team had struggled, the season before, but we finished runners-up and got into Europe.

"Denmark are improving now too, so it's a very interesting season for me."

The only problems for Neilsen are that Denmark are in a very tough European Championship qualifying group with Yugoslavia, Austria, Northern Ireland and the Faroe Islands, while Villa have struggled to find the consistency that enabled them to keep pace with Liverpool last season.

"Only one team qualifies, and Yugoslavia are very strong," he says. "But we have been playing better in the past year and beat Greece, Sweden and Brazil well last year."

Nielsen, born in Fredriksberg in December 1961, joined Villa in the summer of 1989 after spending three seasons at Brondby, when they were always considered favourites for domestic honours.

"I felt I had tried everything there was in Denmark," he said. "After 1988 and 1989, we had won the cup and the championship and I was 27. I felt I wanted to try something new.

"You don't last for ever in this game and I wanted to move on. Villa came in and although I had a chance to go to a German club as well, I thought I would enjoy English football more.

"I like it very much. It is faster and the game has made me change my style a bit."

Nielsen has had two years under international managers. Current England boss Graham Taylor signed him for Villa and instructed him on the basics of English football, and Jozef Venglos, who was in charge of the Czechoslovakia team in Italy, has taken over and added some polish to the team Taylor left behind.

"I was more used to going forward in Denmark and found I could not do the same in England," said Nielsen. "But it is different in the European competitions because we find there is more time and space and I have pushed up more.

"The manager told me I would have the opportunity against Internazionale, and that is what happened in the first game.

"It was a difficult game for them as it always is for a European team coming to play in England. And we got an early goal which was very important. They knew what to expect but could never impose their style on the game.

"We try to pass the ball around a bit more, but we still play with three central defenders. There have been no big changes.

"David Platt is a very strong player and this season he has proved it more than ever. It is a difficult season for him because everyone knows him now. But he is still scoring and playing very well. That proves his quality as a top-class player.

"He is very important to the team, but not the only good player. We have a good defence – and it was much more important for me that we kept a clean sheet against Inter than anything else – and we are not easy to beat."

Nielsen's goal against Internazionale was his third for Villa, but his first struck with such venom from outside the penalty area. "The ball dropped to Tony Cascarino and I called for it," he said. "When I hit it I knew it was going in.

"We have quite a lot of shooting practice at Villa and I always scored a few goals earlier in my career. I have not had so many chances in England because as a centre-back I play mostly in the two penalty areas. But my experience is a big help and I can get forward into the midfield play a lot more."

Nielsen had won 38 caps for Denmark by the end of October and said he felt the current team, while not yet comparable with the fine side of the 1984 European finals, had great potential.

"We are playing better and better but we are still a bit short of that level. We don't have a strong bustling striker like Preben Elkjaer, and we have nobody like Allan Simonsen in midfield, but we do have many good players.

"A lot of the play goes through Michael Laudrup but you cannot overlook John Sivebaek, Jan Bartram, Jan Heintze, Fleming Poulsen, Brian Laudrup and the rest.

"We just need to get some consistency together and then we can do well – but it will be a tough job."

*Celebration ... Platt after hitting the target again.*

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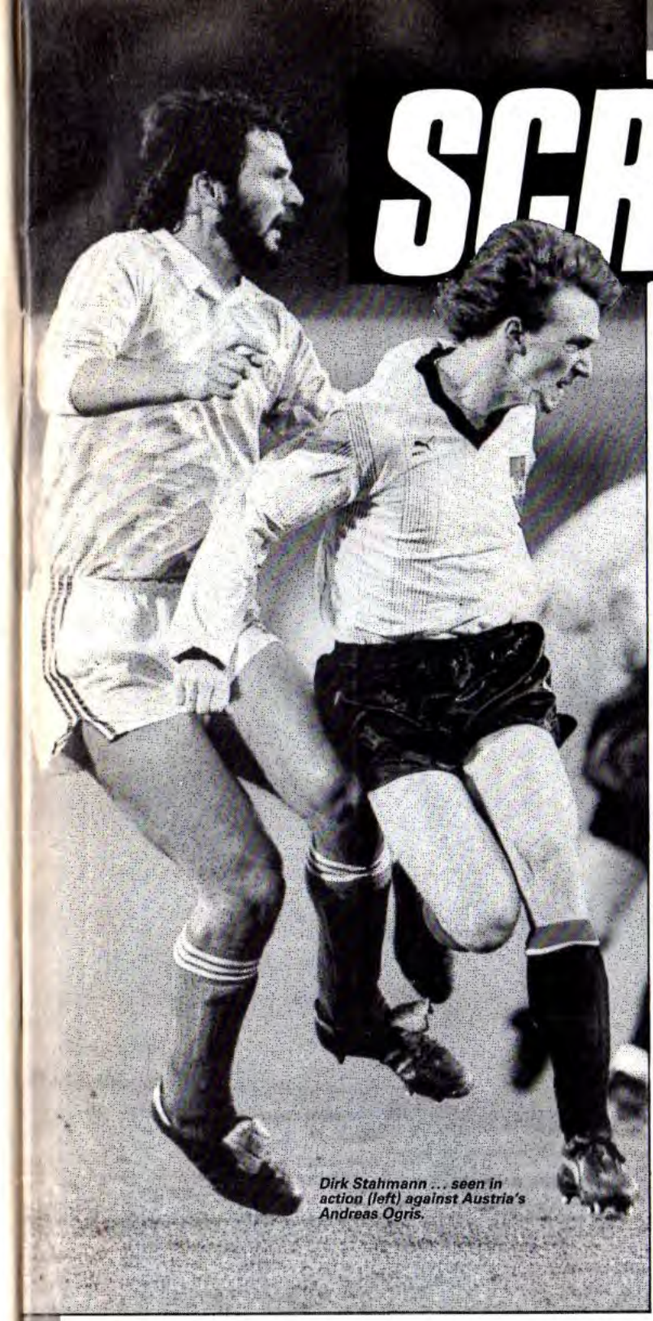
# SCRAMBLE!

## Starman Stahmann sees problems in the East

**BY PENTTI HIETANEN**



*Dirk Stahmann ... seen in action (left) against Austria's Andreas Ogris.*

**"PEOPLE" keep telling us how great it is for us to join the west and the capitalist world, yet so far nobody has really explained in detail what good it will do us."**

Big Dirk Stahmann, defensive stalwart of FC Magdeburg and the East German national team, displays a serious face nowadays.

He is not so worried for himself, but he forecasts torrid times for his club and as soccer in general in eastern parts of the newly-unified Germany.

"At 32 I am realistic enough not to place any hopes on the possibility fo a big-money move to one of the western clubs," says Stahmann. "But I intend to carry on playing for a few years yet, just for the fun of it, although at the moment I cannot say whether it will be possible with Magdeburg."

This is the 41st and the final season of the GDR Oberliga. Next year, the winners and runners-up will join the expanded Bundesliga of 20 clubs, while six East German clubs will be allowed into the new second division split into two sections.

"It will be a made scramble," says Stahmann. "Teams will be sweating blood. But what will happen to those East German clubs who are left out? I fear the worst, for there are no guarantees. Several clubs will be forced out of business."

FC Magdeburg, who celebrate their 25th anniversary on December 22, belong to the nobility of GDR clubs, having won the championship in 1972, 1974 and 1975.

Indeed, in 1974 they became the only GDR club to collect a major international trophy, when Heinz Krugel coached them to a surprise 2-0 win against AC Milan in the Cup-Winners' Cup final.

At that time they included a legion of the east's all-time greats, such as Jurgen Pommerenke, Martin Hoffmann, Mannfred Zapf and the scorer of that sensational 1-0 winner over West Germany in the 1974 World Cup finals, Jurgen Sparwasser.

Joachim Streich, perhaps Magdeburg's greatest player, joined the club in 1975, from Hansa Rostock. He went on to collect a record 102 full caps (58 goals) for the national team: he and Franz Beckenbauer (103) are the only Germans to total more than a century of caps.

Streich was the Oberliga's top scorer for four seasons but even for him, the lure of the west became too strong to fight, and he now coaches Eintracht Braunschweig.

Stahmann says: "I've spent more than half of my life at Magdeburg, so it feels like a second home to me." He joined the club in 1967, aged only nine.

He made his full international debut in March 1982, in a goalless draw against Iraq, but never played in any major international finals. No Olympic games, no European Championship or World Cup finals. Ironically he bowed out from the international scene with his 42nd cap in last November's 3-0 defeat to Austria, the match that closed the doors to Italy for the East Germans.

### Only evils

According to Stahmann, not everything is rosy in the new German garden.

"People only talk about all the evils that went on in the GDR over the past years, about the secret police and other murky things like that. Nobody cares to mention that there are a lot of decent, diligent people here, folk who have worked very hard all their lives and who should have every reason to hold their heads up.It seems that we are now losing all the pride in ourselves, and that could complicate things even more."

For several football clubs, losing the fat financial cushion provided by the former Communistic government could prove fatal. Clubs must now learn to sell themselves to the public and make sponsorship deals with private companies to try to cover at least some of the lost government funds.

Magdeburg, for instance, already play with backing from the Puma sportswear company and the Jagermeister liquor factory.

But it is still a struggle to make ends meet. Magdeburg's annual budget is estimated to be around £700,000, with ever-rising wages taking the major share.

*Andreas Thon ... now earning much more money in the Bundesliga.*

To cut the costs, the club are now doing away with nearly half of their 30-man coaching staff. Some of the coaches working with the junior teams will go to the club's new commercial department, but for the rest, the message is rude: "Thank you, now get out!"

Stahmann says: "The money is pretty good, but it doesn't amount to much when you consider that stars like Andreas Thon, Thomas Doll and Matthias Sammer can earn four times more with the western Bundesliga clubs – and I have not even mentioned their bonuses!"

The eastern part of the country has now opened up to the big brothers from the west.

For example, Streich went back to his old club and snapped up international defender Dirk Schuster for Braunschweig. Other stars on the wanted list include powerful striker Uwe Rossler and midfielders Stefan Minkiwitz and Heiko Laessig.

"The whole thinking that we easterners have all to gain from this unification of Germany is wrong," says Stahmann. "I fear that our football will suffer and it could take a long time before one of the eastern clubs is able to mount a serious challenge.

"Luckily, the love and enthusiasm for football is the same everywhere in Germany. In spite of old rivalries, people living east of the old border were genuinely proud and happy for Beckenbauer's team when they won the World Cup last summer."

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# BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS

## MORTEN OLSEN, top player now title-winning coach, talks exclusively to WORLD SOCCER

**MORTEN OLSEN was born in August 1949 in Vordingborg, Denmark, and set a record for his country with 102 international caps.**

**He played for Vordingborg (1961-1967), B 1901 Nykobing (1967-1972), Cercle Brugge (1972-1976), Racing Bruxelles (1976-1980), Anderlecht (1980-1986), and Koln (1986-1989).**

**In January this year Olsen became coach to Brondbyernes I.F. of Copenhagen, and in October won his first Danish championship and the club's fourth in six seasons.**

**This is his frank question-and-answer session with STEFAN TARRAS for World Soccer.**

**World Soccer: How many games did you play in your career?**

Morton Olsen: I have not counted them, but I know that I played 102 internationals and over 90 games in the European cups. Altogether it must be over 1,100 on top level.

**W.S.: What positions did you play and who were the coaches?**

M.O.: At Vordingborg I played right-wing. There were several coaches who had been with the club for years. At Nykobing I played right wing and right midfielder.and the coach was Kurt Nielsen, who later coached the Danish national team, he was my first real coach and taught me a lot.

My first professional experience was at Cercle Brugge and I played in all positions apart from goalkeeper. I learnt the trade the hard way and got a lot of very useful all-round experience. My coach was Hans Grijzenhout, assistant to Rinus Michels during his great Ajax years. Grijzenhout was very cunning and had an excellent coaching programme.

At Racing White I again played right wing, but had half a season as a libero, which was very useful for the future. The coaches were De Visser and Horvath. When I joined Anderlecht I started playing right midfield, but because of an injury Tomislav Ivic gave me the chance of playing as libero, where you do not get so many knocks.

This led to a basic change in the Danish national team. Per Rontved finished his career and five months later, two days before our qualifying game against Greece in the European Championship, Sepp Piontek and I sat down to discuss the main weakness of the Danish national team, the defence.

We decided to lift our back-line from the penalty area, where the most crucial mistakes were taking place. From then on we never looked back, and seven months later Denmark qualified for an international tournament for the first time.

In my six years with Anderlecht I was coached by Tomislav Ivic, Paul Van Himst and Aarie Haan. Ivic was and still is the best coach I ever had. I respect him immensely.

**W.S.: Some people say he is only good at bringing teams out of crisis.**

M.O.: Not correct. Ivic is able to take care of small clubs and the very best. His tactical cleverness is admirable and I have learnt some very important things from him. He's a passionate football man.

**W.S.: After 14 years in Belgium you then played your last three years in Germany, with Koln. Who coached you?**

M.O.: I started as a libero and then changed to defensive midfield under George Kessler, a very good coach. But he was sacked after three months and Cristoph Daum took over.

**W.S.: Can you make a comparison between the Belgian league and the Bundesliga?**

M.O.: Basically Belgian players are more tactically mature, while Germans are more physical.

**W.S.: Any other coaches you would like to mention who have influenced your career?**

M.O.: I respect many coaches, some I have worked with and others I read and heard about. To really know them you must be with them day after day. Every coach has his own way of relating to players. Everyone is different and everyone does it his way. You simply have to find out for yourself.

**W.S.: When you arrived at Brondby in your first assignment as a coach, did you know how you would like to work and how you would like to build up relations with players?**

M.O.: Yes. Everything was prepared. I had no doubts how things should be worked out. I told the players that anyone who did not give a 100 per cent, at training and in games, should not carry illusions of having a career with the club next season. I was introducing real professionalism in Denmark.

**W.S.: You have been playing for three decades. How has the game changed?**

M.O.: It runs faster. It demands much more than 20 or 25 years ago. You have to be faster, stronger, forceful. You have to act fast. You have to think fast. You have to be intelligent. Quite simply you have to be a complete athlete or you will never be able to play at top level. Twenty years ago it was possible – there were some slow but technical players. They do not stand a chance today. Everyone has to have the sharp technique and the speed to be able to play at top level. This is the real key.

Perhaps the tempo is too high sometimes, but new young people are adapting better all the time. The teams who are able to get these kind of players are the top teams. A.C.Milan have players who play at this tempo yet still are able to be technically brilliant. They are the best in the game.

Another interesting thing with A.C. Milan is that they are able to take the tempo out of the game, to relax and to find new ways of penetrating. That's the intelligent way of playing.

**W.S.: What is your opinion of the FIFA suggestion for bigger goals?**

M.O.: No! I do not mean that football should be conservative, as the people who run it often are. But to make the goals bigger is no way to make the game more interesting. There are better methods.

One is to forbid back passes to the goalkeeper. That makes the game more lively and more intensive. You have to change the rules today. The game is tighter and faster, so you have to adapt to these changes.

As an example, when I started as a right wing you could pass defenders just on mere speed. This is not possible any more. Backs today are fast, technical and intelligent. They might have played as attackers in their younger days and know as much as you do of the attacking game.

That's why the governing bodies have to change some of the rules from far back when the game was different.

**W.S.: Another problem today is that there are too many games being played. Fans are getting worn out as well as players. Coaches are irritated by getting players injured. The stress is immense, and coaches do not get enough time to develop new skill and tactics.**

M.O.: That is correct. Football has changed more and more in the direction of being business. The clubs have to have many games to make their investments pay. The players also have been acting in the same direction, to raise their wages. All this boils down to the fact that we are in a bad circle.

**W.S.: What is the solution? A European league?**

M.O.: Of course the big clubs want more exciting games, to increase their revenue. They are aiming for a kind of tournament where their chances of surviving are high and games are played in packed stadiums.

In my opinion, a model of the European Cup, with clubs seeded in the first two rounds and the quarter-finals are played in two groups, is a step in the right direction. But the big clubs will solve this problem their own way, by increasing their squads, by having 20 players or more.

**W.S.: But if they decide to break away?**

M.O.: The best solution to the problem is to transform the present Champions' Cup, with qualification groups of four. If the big clubs on the other hand try to break away, that is for the worse, for themselves and for the game.

If for example you take Bayern Munich out, the Bundesliga will lose its main attraction. Everybody wants to beat Bayern. So if instead Borussia Dortmund win the championship that's okay in itself, but when everybody thinks Bayern is still the best team, then it's worth nothing.

**W.S.: Back to Denmark. You came back to your home country more than a year ago. Are you disappointed at what you saw and experienced?**

M.O.: Not the least! The tempo is good, close to the best leagues in Europe. The problem is that the technique is okay, here, but when the tempo gets at its sharpest they do have problems. The only way of solving that is by training harder and by having more games against tougher opponents. And that's what we are working with today.

**W.S.: Your contract expires at the end of 1991. Are you then open for new possibilities?**

M.O.: I have not speculated on my future.

**W.S.: Danish journalists are speculating that you will be the future coach of the Danish national team.**

M.O.: The only thing I know is that I am going to continue as a coach. For the moment, and with the players I have here at Brondby, I feel very happy. Of course, the question arises when the chance occurs. Shall you grab it or not? You must have ambitions with your team and as a coach. There are many possibilities with Brondby. We can go far in the UEFA Cup.

Realistically, if we are lucky with the draws and we play to our best as against Eintracht Frankfurt, when we won on aggregate 6-4, we could go as far as the semi-finals. And with a team consisting of Danish players apart from the two Africans, Ushe Ukechukwu and Elahor Friday. That is a very exciting prospect indeed.

I'm adopting the Liverpool way, which means that I slowly integrate young players to the side, in the training sessions as well as in games, so new players are slowly "melting" into the team ready to take over when the older have done their bit. At the same time we are always looking out for the best young talent.

**W.S.: So you will stay at Brondby until the end of your contract?**

M.O.: Without doubt. I told the players when I arrived that nobody will be able to leave before his contract has expired.

That applies to me as well.

**W.S.: Even if you win the UEFA Cup in May and a president telephones and offers a contract and a blank cheque?**

M.O.: I'll stay, even then.

**W.S.: What do you think will happen to soccer in the 1990s? What kind of changes?**

M.O.: Call it 6-3-1 or 3-5-2, everything has been tested. As to tempo, we have reached the limit. The next thing is to develop technique, and to change the rules in the way that the game transforms into something even more spectacular but still as classical.

I love tradition. The English Cup final is a wonderful tradition. So are the big friendlies at Idraetsparken in Copenhagen. We have to keep attractions like that. If we take away things like these, it will not be the same game any more.

*Morten finished his playing career at Koln.*

*Olsen clashes with Gordillo in the Denmark-Spain European Championship match at Hanover in 1988.*

# SPOTLIGHT ON ROBERT PROSINECKI

## RED STAR BELGRADE

# 'Slav Maradona' is looking to Madrid

**BY KEIR RADNEDGE**

ROBERT PROSINECKI is the young man around whom Real Madrid want to rebuild their team for the 1990s.

The Michel-Sanchez-Butragueno outfit has served Madrid with style and excitement through the 1980s and dominated the Spanish domestic game for the past five years.

But president Ramon Mendoza and his advisers recognise reality. Michel is a fine player but not a true playmaker; Hugo Sanchez is nearing the end of his prolific and spectacular goal-grabbing career; and Emilio Butragueno is never going to be quite the player he once promised.

John Toshack was brought in 18 months ago to introduce a new discipline within the dressing room and develop a Champions' Cup-challenging steel absent under Dutchman Leo Beenhakker. Now he has gone, leaving problems for his successor.

In goal Madrid need a replacement for the ruthless Paco Buyo, and the centre of defence must be recast after the successive failures to bolt the back door by high-profile World Cup stars such as Argentina's Oscar Ruggeri last season and Yugoslavia's Predrag Spasic this time.

The transfer revolution is already further forward. Romania's Gheorghe Hagi is a key man for the future and is already learning the professional trade after enjoying the "freedom" of Bucharest with Steaua. To team up with Hagi, Madrid want the one youngster who holds out perhaps even greater eastern European promise: Prosinecki of Yugoslavia.

If Hagi is the Maradona of the Carpathians, then Prosinecki is the Maradona of the Balkans. He is – and not only in my opinion – the finest young player on the continent.

He has skill and power, can pass long or short with equal accuracy, produces a fierce shot, can be devastating from dead-ball situations, and exudes boundless self-confidence.

*Flair in Florence ... Prosinecki shows his skill during Yugoslavia's World Cup game against Argentina. The young man's world was opening up even though his country went down.*

Mendoza spied out Prosinecki in the first leg of the Champions' Cup second round tie against Rangers. Football has little respect for secrets and Mendoza's trip was headlines in Spain and Yugoslavia. For Prosinecki it was confirmation of Madrid presence in a queue reputedly including Milan, Marseille and Juventus.

For the return at Ibrox, Madrid's technical aide, Ramon Martinez, was present, along with the Slav-Spanish go-between, Zoran Velkic.

Whatever talks took place were behind closed doors. The player has remained reticent on the subject. He told me: "I know there are stories that I have signed an option with a top western European club. But that is not true. I have signed nothing – with Juventus, or Real Madrid or Atletico Madrid or any other club.

## Career

"I have ambitions to play in Italy or Spain, but I'm under contract to Red Star and I don't want to think too much about what's around the corner.

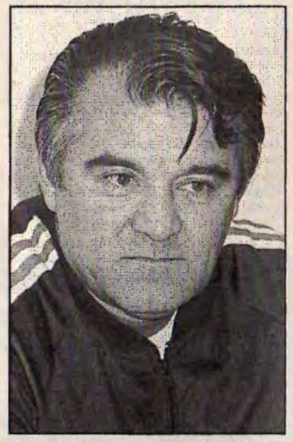
"I owe my present loyalty to Red Star and I'm happy with that. Everyone at the club has been tremendous to me and we can go a long way this season in the Champions' Cup. We believe we could even win it, for the first time. We have a lot of fine players – Savicevic, Pancev, Sabanaczovic, Yugovic, Stosic, Belodedic...

"As for myself, my ambition is that, in the next two years, I can develop my career and earn a reputation throughout Europe. I'm still only 21, you know. I have a lot to learn.

"Money is not everything to me. I chose football because I wanted to, not because I had to. My family have always lived comfortably. So my attitude has always been the same: I will play for the club where I feel happy. After that, if the money is good, so much the better.

"Two representatives from Atletico Madrid turned up on my parents' doorstep in Zagreb earlier this year. My father told them I had no intention of talking to anyone about a transfer until I was 25. I have no wish to break the rules. If the rules change, of course, that's another matter. We'll cross that border when we come to it."

Prosinecki is currently bound by a Yugoslav regulation prohibiting the export of star players below 25. But the Yugoslav federation have been told by both UEFA and FIFA that such regulations are no longer acceptable.



*Miljan Miljanic ... paying tribute to Prosinecki's immense talent.*

The Yugoslavs already have had one run-in with FIFA over their federation statutes – regarding clubs' propensity to use the civil law to challenge relegation and championship issues.

The regulation's existence was confirmed for me by Miljan Miljanic, general manager of the national team and – by an intriguing coincidence – once coach to Madrid. He said: "Nobody can go before the age of 25, no matter how good he may be.

"Robert is no different to anyone else, though he is clearly the greatest talent we have produced in the past ten years. He's better than Dragan Stojkovic was at this age.

"But he is young. He has a lot to learn. He should stay, grow up both on the field and off it. Then, when he does eventually go, I have no doubt: he will be a superstar."

The irony of it all is that Prosinecki was born not in Yugoslavia, but in West Germany.

His parents had moved in search of work and it was in Schweningen, near Stuttgart, that Prosinecki was born on January 12, 1969. He was still only six when his family returned, for family reasons, to Zagreb. Young Robert did not mind where he lived: as long as he could play football.

As a schoolboy he was invited to train with the Dinamo Zagreb youth section. But the talents blossoming now were not quite so evident. Dinamo's coaching staff doubted whether he would make the grade.

Prosinecki played for Dinamo's youth side in the prestigious Viareggio tournament but veteran coach Mirolav Blazevic considered Prosinecki far inferior to his midfield partner, Zvonimir Boban.

On one occasion Blazevic commented: "The day Prosinecki is considered something special is the day I retire."

Nobody was in any doubt about the way the winds were blowing. When the time came for Prosinecki to sign a new contract he set such impossible demands that a break with Dinamo was inevitable. Neither Blazevic nor other Dinamo officials was displeased when Prosinecki "allowed" himself to be lured away by Red Star.

Hardly had Prosinecki arrived in Belgrade than his gifts acquired a remarkable new allure. At 17 he was in the first-team squad and coach Velibor Vasovic was furious when senior officials acceded to a request from the federation that Prosinecki be released to play at the World Youth Cup finals in Chile in the autumn of 1987.

Vasovic wanted Prosinecki to stay home and play against Club Brugge in the second round of the UEFA Cup, and felt his reluctance justified when Red Star crashed out.

Similarly, the federation felt justified when Yugoslavia beat West Germany 5-4 in the World Youth Cup Final after a 1-1 draw.

## Capped

Right from the opening match, when the Slavs beat their Chilean hosts 4-2, they were among the title favourites. The quality of their squad has been underlined by the subsequent national team call-ups of goalkeeper Lekovic, defenders Brnovic and Jarni and attackers Boban, Mijatovic, Suker and ... Prosinecki.

Yugoslavia scored four times against both Australia and Togo to reach the quarter-finals, where an 89th-minute goal from Prosinecki, from a free-kick, capped an inspired individual display and provided a 2-1 victory over Brazil.

In the 44th minute Prosinecki had collected a yellow card. This was virtually forgotten in delight at victory over the defending title-holders. Yet it would return to haunt him.

In the semi-finals Yugoslavia, in the best game of the tournament, defeated East Germany 2-1. But, in a bad-tempered climax, Prosinecki was among half a dozen players cautioned by Australian referee Richard Lorenc.

The card was waved in Prosinecki's face in the very last minute of the game – yet it was enough to keep him out of the final against West Germany.

It speaks volumes for the impression Prosinecki had created that he was, nevertheless, acclaimed official Player of the Tournament.

Back in Yugoslavia he was a hero. But national manager Ivica Osim was suspicious of his temperament and it was not until nearly two years later, in a 2-2 draw against Finland in Helsinki, that Prosinecki made his full senior debut.

With Stojkovic, Safet Susic, the emerging Dejan Savicevic and the experienced Mehmed Bazdarevic and Haris Skoro, Osim had midfield skill a-plenty. His priorities were sorting out defence and finding an attacking partner for Zlatko Vujovic. Prosinecki would have to take his place in the midfield queue.

He might even have missed Italia '90 but for a piece of bad temper. This time the perpetrator was not Prosinecki, but Bazdarevic – sent off for spitting at the referee in the game against Norway last autumn.

FIFA banned Bazdarevic from international football for a year, and for Prosinecki, the World Cup door had been thrown open.

## Continued

His reputation preceded him to Italy. Among the foreign media there was surprise that Prosinecki did not figure in the starting line-up. Osim explained: "I have more than enough skilful 'inside forwards.' I cannot play them all or I will unbalance the team. So the players with experience must take precedence."

That meant Susic ahead of Prosinecki.

Against West Germany Prosinecki played the last 35 minutes. Against the United Arab Emirates he played the last 14 minutes, and scored. He was absent from the second-round victory over Spain. Then, at last, there was Prosinecki in the starting line-up, against Argentina in the quarter-final in Florence.

In the soccer history books this will go down as Goycochea's day, with the Argentine keeper defying Yugoslavia in the penalty shoot-out. But among the outfield players, over the two hours of goalless action, Prosinecki was man of the match. His 13th-minute free-kick produced the first Slav chance. Jozic headed wide. Nine minutes later Prosinecki was producing one of the game's few shots – a low effort that skidded past.

Even when Yugoslavia were reduced to ten men by the 31st-minute expulsion of Refik Sabanadzovic, Prosinecki continued to pursue the positive principle: it was he who forced the corner at the end of the first half that led to Jozic's again going close.

In extra time Prosinecki produced an attacking break from deep in his own half that could have turned the game. The wastrel this time was Savicevic.

Yugoslavia were out. But for Prosinecki, the world was opening up.

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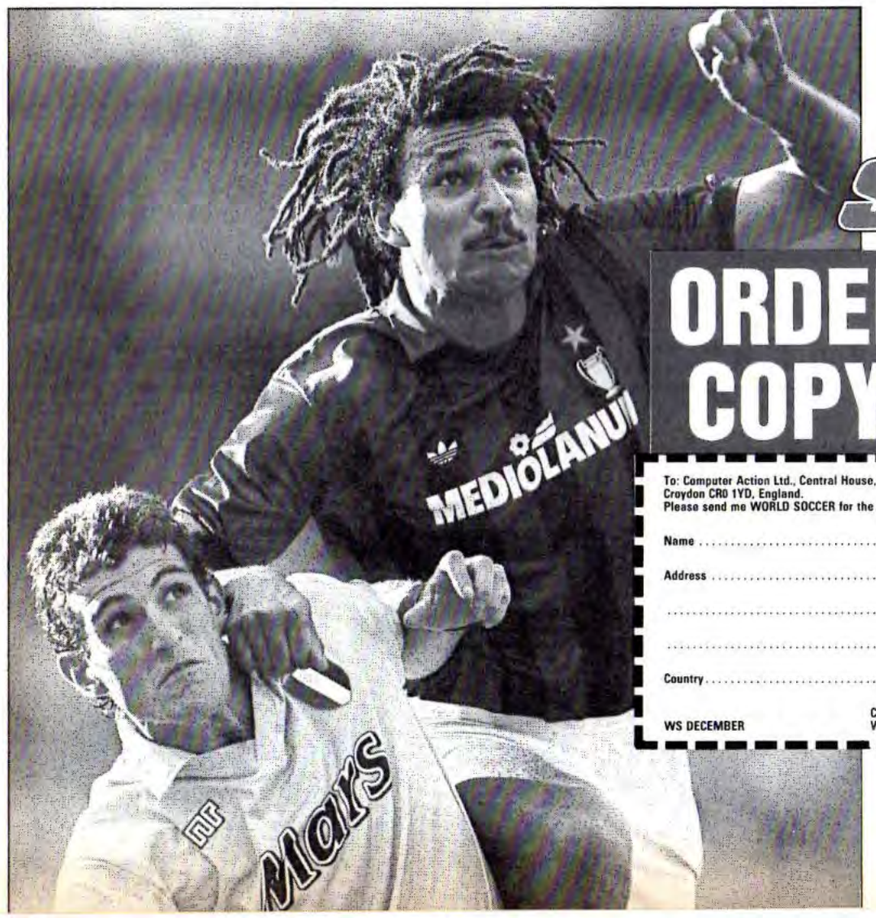


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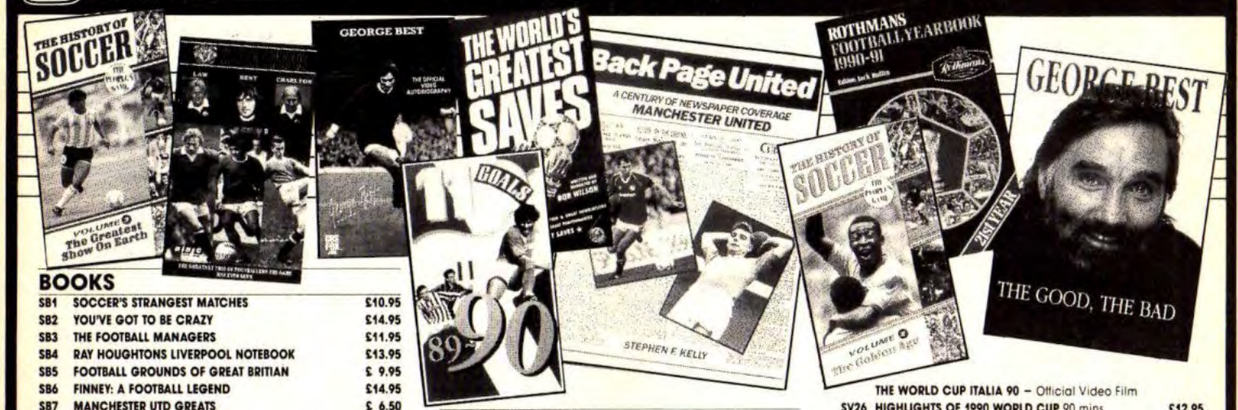


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# Liverpool old boy plans for the kids

**BY WALTER PLESS**

# CRAIG'S KICK START

*Hail to the king... members of the Australian under-16 team meet every boy's idol – Pele.*

**CRAIG JOHNSTON, the former Liverpool star, is heavily involved in junior soccer in Australia these days.**

He travels of all over the continent conducting coaching clinics for youngsters in an attempt to put something back into the game that gave him so much.

Johnston's dream is to take a squad of Australians, 15 and 16 years old, on a European tour to play against the junior teams of clubs such as Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal and Spurs, as well as some Italian and Greek clubs.

"That's my dream," Johnston said. "I know, as a kid at heart, that you've got to give kids something to aim for. And at the moment, Aussie lads have very little to aim for.

"When I take these kids to Europe, they'll play on the best grounds and in front of the best coaches, and be exposed to the rewards that can be had from soccer.

"It's by no means happening yet. I've got to do the mechanics, but by travelling around the country I can at least identify if the talent is there at 14 or 15 years of age, and hopefully take it to the next stage."

Johnston believes that Australia can become more than just a producer of good players for the world market: more than 30 Australians are now professionals overseas, many of them in Europe.

"If an Australian player is really true to himself, he'll go overseas.

"If we get a hundred or so of these blokes overseas, maybe they'll all come back home and therefore attract players from other countries to come to Australia so that we can entertain the crowds, be professionals and train four or five hours a day like the Europeans do.

"I'm talking 10 to 15 years, not tomorrow. People say Australian soccer is healthy, but there are so many other countries doing so much more. How can we expect to compete on the world level?

"I'd like to think we can breed kids as good as any in the world, but we've got to sort the whole system out. That's a long-term plan, not short-term."

Johnston, who left Liverpool in controversial circumstances two years ago, said that Australia's new national coach, Eddie Thomson, was doing a good job with the available material, and the appointment of John Constantine as ASJ chairman was a good move.

But he was very disappointed with the World Cup. "All the criticism is justified," he said.

## Cynical

"The main reason was that people were frightened to lose. There were no adventurous tactics.

"One of the only good points to come out of it was Cameroon's success, and they did it for the right reasons. They were like the Brazilians used to be.

"Even the Brazilians were cynical in their approach. This was the team we've come to love and respect over the years, but even their coach said it is no use entertaining if you go home beaten. As a result, they didn't entertain – and they still went home beaten.

"Maybe there's some justice in that, but it was disappointing."

Johnston added: "We adults make the mistake of thinking that kids are stupid when they're not. Kids put their fingers on it – that the referees were given too much power, the players were frightened to make mistakes, there was too much acting and diving.

"So we were all left a bit low after the World Cup."

Johnston still rates Diego Maradona as the best player in the world. "I know he took a lot of flak but I was in Italy for two months and I saw him train and I saw him play.

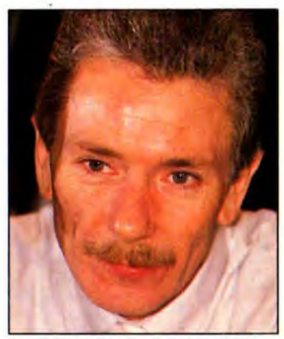
"He doesn't get any support and he gets kicked to death and he dives an awful lot, but Maradona is still the greatest."

*No respect... Maradona clashes with Cameroon players. But he's still the best, says Johnston.*

The Brian Glanville COLUMN

# A faithful, faithless look at the English in Italy

# PEEPHOLE PETE



Rogan Taylor ... a guest at a three-hour dinner.

Bobby Robson ... deeply confused in his tactical approach.

Terry Butcher ... requesting a translation behind the bar.

Going away ... England's Waddle outpaces Emmers of Belgium.

LOOK OUT, there's a Pete about. Thus might the England World Cup players and the English journalists have decorated the foyer of their respective hotels.

For Pete (not Peter) Davies, a young novelist who has written ALL PLAYED OUT (William Heinemann) is as deft with a needle and thread as he is with a pen.

He plainly likes the players, he clearly detests most of the journalists, but, with a fine impartiality, he stitches up both, without fear or favour.

Did Gascoigne know, when he was blasting off a girlfriend who had dared not to be in when he called, that Pete Davies was lurking with intent in the next phone booth, and would faithfully – or faithlessly? – report it all.

Was Terry Butcher aware, when he asked an Italian barman in the team's hotel to translate obscene terms for him, that Pete Davies had overheard, and would record it?

These were two players who actually earned Davies's encomia, so you can imagine how the journalists come out of it. One is "an unbelievable fat bastard." (Shucks, Bart, you writer fellows have a way with words!) Others are castigated for drunkenness, alcoholism, expense-fiddling, fornicating, even for not speaking decent Italian. Though Pete, who purports to do so, cannot spell brutto and seems to think, mistakenly, that inglese is the plural of English.

## Attributed

I am honourably mentioned here and there. Words spoken in the Wembley Press room are attributed to me. A peculiarly odd passage concerns that fatuous conference in Florence which I wrote about, some months ago, which both Pete and I attended.

It was, you may remember, notionally all about football, and appeared a kind of outdoor relief for obscure provincial academica, mumbling their banalities. Splendid material for Pete's ruthless satire, except that ... there isn't any.

Clearly this is the kind of background, half fanzine, half gravy train, in which he feels at home. He is even polite about a ludicrous paper read by a South American, who extolled Brazilian football on the grounds that Brazilians don't care about losing (how many suicides were there after Brazil lost to Uruguay in the 1950 World Cup decider?) and that there's no brutality in their games.

Zico, viciously fouled and injured as soon as he got back to Rio from Italy, would be interested to hear that. As would many another victim in what is now one of the harshest Leagues in the world.

But back to Pete ... and myself. Many a merry cackle he had, he relates, with Gordon Taylor of the PFA, Rogan Taylor, a small Scouse who has graduated from the Football Supporters' Association, and John Williams, an academic from that bizarre, otiose department at Leicester, on how amazingly "difficult" I can be. (The level of discourse seems that of Maureen Lipman playing Beattie in the British Telecom ads).

Then, to Davies's shock-horror, what should happen but that Gordon Taylor should go out to dinner with me for THREE HOURS. Petie, baby; it was worse. Rogan Taylor, whom I'd never met, invited himself along as my guest, as well.

Wise John Williams, who had arrived in Florence, seemingly sockless, to read a paper about football and pop music (first-class hotel and club-class flights all paid by the European Community) told him wisely that this was the nature of the football world.

They need each other, italicised Petie-Sweety, at the end of the section.

Do they? I think, and have long thought, that the Football League badly needed Gordon Taylor as their supremo, and the two of us worked closely together against the arrogant bullying of the ghastly Dutch woman Mme. Larive, threatening UEFA on behalf of the European Parliament.

Rogan Taylor has had my praise in the past for his instant, lucid analysis of what went wrong at Hillsborough. If they wish to categorise me as "difficult," they are quite entitled to do so, and I bear no malice; not least because I have no notion what it means.

## Assisted

But, since we were then in Florence, I'd suggest that were Dante to return to earth, he might well establish a new circle in Hell for nasty little sneaks who report and retail unflattering remarks.

Even those who have befriended and assisted Pete Davies had better beware. Jane Nottage, a kind and pleasant English girl, domiciled in Rome, working hard for her living, employed by Italia'90 for the World Cup, ferried him about all over the place and, when he got to Naples, tired and dirty and bedraggled, allowed him to use her hotel room.

There, he tells us with glee, he showered, sent his filthy clothes to the laundry, had a fine breakfast: and was allowed to charge the lot to Italia'90.

Yet the book well deserves to be read, however antipathetic you may find its author. When he is not writing deliberately crudely and badly – the small, meek man trying to be tough, and constantly employing "like" for "as" – he can be far better than a fanzine.

He has a sharp eye, a descriptive gift, an excellent ear for dialogue, an undoubted flair for interviewing. Anyone who can get Steve McMahon to talk at all, let alone the day after he has given Kevin (not John, Mr Davies) Sheedy the equaliser for Ireland, must be a pretty rare bird.

Under the promptings of Mr Davies and his ever-present tape-recorder, Chris Waddle, that simple Geordie, awakes and sings, cogent in his embattled analysis of Bobby Robson's 4-4-2, and the way it frustrates him. John Barnes, too, has much of relevance to say on this subject.

Bobby Robson is brought out deftly as a character; essentially a simple soul, fixated on the Second World War, deeply confused in his tactical approach, ultimately likeable and decent. Though Davies fails to relate Press criticism to the abysmal failure of England under Robson in the 1988 European Championship finals.

By and large, Davies clearly detests the football Press, still more than the abominable "Rotters," the news reporters whose brief is to dig up dirt, no matter who may suffer.

Just as he does with the England fans, however, he makes titanic efforts to be fair, now dismissing the football reporters as a mere bunch of boys (how would he categorise the ad men and the PR people who scarcely receive his blessing?) yet admitting that he couldn't begin to write a decent football report immediately after a game.

Try writing an 800-word runner, Pete, with the whole piece finished on the whistle. Then you'd know. Some of us have to do it every week; and we'd be ashamed to produce the kind of prose which so often and wantonly disfigures your book.

Of course Davies is by no means the first to denigrate the life and work of a sports writer, and he probably has his point. The American sports columnist and future novelist, Paul Gallico, admitted that his moment of truth came at a big boxing match.

A well-known journalist arrived in the Press seats and made a great show of removing his hat and coat, then taking the lid off his typewriter, until a raucous voice range out from the bleachers: "Siddown! You're only a sports writer!"

This made such an impression on Gallico that he instantly decided to become a novelist.

Some of us are both, as was the late Giovanni Arpino, a much respected writer who ultimately and surprisingly became, for some years, chief football reporter for La Stampa, the leading Turin newspaper owned by Gianni Agnelli.

## Anybody

After covering the World Cup, Arpino wrote a book about it called Azzurro Tenebra, in which a number of his journalistic colleagues figure under concocted names, though none is treated with the venom which Davies reserves for the Press.

Boys, he calls them. Yet he admits that football is a kind of passion which can sweep anybody, himself included, in its wake. Did he not, Gazza-like, stand in the Turin Press box after England had gone out in the semi-final to West Germany, weeping bitter tears?

Half fan, half reporter, he oscillates between the two positions, sympathises with the English fans, fanzine-like canes the officials who, he seems to believe, have their "wages" paid by long-suffering fans; yet cannot avoid seeing fans as they are. In the main, brutalised, xenophobe, untalented.

Society and the end of Empire (shades of A Clockwork Orange) are, of course, to blame. Too facile, Petey baby. As facile as your reiterated theme, when you remember to drag it in by the hair, of All Played Out.

As I have had cause to write in the past, some football reporters fornicate, some get drunk. A great many of them don't. Quite a few, sussing – to use a word Pete likes – what he was up to, steered well clear of them.

Pete, alas, is not above repeating second-hand gossip, damning a journalist without having been an eavesdropper or an eye witness. Though he makes no mention of the day when the much-maligned, deeply deplorable tabloid Press never wrote a word about an England player who was too drunk to give an interview.

Bobby Robson does not escape. Wafting Pete up to his hotel room in Bologna to watch the televised Eire-Rumania game, he is quoted as calling Mick McCarthy "a dirty bugger." With friends like that ...

Nor has Davies any gift for concision. The book sprawls. Everything but the kitchen sink seems to have been thrown in. He cannot bear to waste an interview, for however long it may hold up the rhythm and flow.

For those of you who do not know what he looks like, and want to be put on their guard, Mr. Davies is small, blond and spectacled. As he looks and listens at your elbow, you may not even notice him.

He works hard, he travels diligently, he would probably make a very good journalist indeed. Dare one say, a remarkable Rotter?

Going down ... Donadoni of Italy follows Argentina's Basualdo to ground.

THE interviews with Waddle and Barnes in the Davies book open an interesting debate.

Davies, very properly if hardly originally, opines that it is never a question of the system but essentially of the men using it. Milan, he suggests, have so many fine players that they could play any system and still excel.

Tell that to Arrigo Sacchi. Or for that matter to Gigi Maifredi, who, having used zonal defence at Bologna, has been trying so hard this season to deploy it at Juventus.

Eight goals in the two games against FK Austria and Inter, within four days of one another, suggested that he might at last be getting it right.

Surely it is not only a question of men but of how the system be used. Barnes and Waddle, when they played on the wings for England, were virtually shackled there. Roberto Donadoni isn't.

When he plays for Milan – or for Italy's catenaccio – he wanders around wherever he likes, just as likely to pop up on the left as on the right. If you use 4-4-2 with two wingers, hoping from time to time to turn it into 4-2-4, you do to some extent limit your options.

But in what sense is the sweeper system the panacea Waddle sees it to be; especially when it is played in such a cack-handed way as England did in Naples against Cameroon?

I still don't like the system as practised by England; it seems to me to weaken the midfield and place far too great a burden on the central midfielders, Gascoigne and Platt. Bobby Robson's excessive caution was what hampered the old England 4-4-2.

# INJURY BLOW TO LONER CANTONA

# ENFANT T

By NICK BIDWELL

# T TERRIBLE

ERIC CANTONA is at home in his native Marseille, dreaming of fitness after a bad tackle put him out of action – probably until the spring.

Just when everything seemed to be going right for controversial Cantona, a foul in a match against Brest left him with a badly-damaged knee and ended, at least for a time, his flourishing partnership with the prolific Jean-Pierre Papin.

Blow upon blow: Yugoslav import Dragan Stojkovic is out too, with knee trouble, perhaps for the rest of the season.

No wonder there is such gloom in moody Marseille.

If it is any consolation, Cantona has a lot to look back on while he battles his way to fitness again. Perhaps he will try to forget the bad times...

Thousands of supporters have appreciated his skill while deploring his frequent forays beyond the bounds of acceptable behaviour.

You may recall that in 1988, not long after his £2.2 million move from Auxerre to Marseille, he had denounced the then French manager, Henri Michel, for daring to drop him for a friendly with Czechoslovakia, and had been banned for a year by the Federation.

## Contract

Four months later Cantona produced another bout of histrionics, during a charity game against Moscow Torpedo. After being jeered by some of the crowd, he booted the ball into the terraces, tore off his shirt, threw it at the referee, and stormed off the pitch.

This, not surprisingly, was too much for the Marseille general manager, Michel Hidalgo, who suspended Cantona indefinitely before sending him on loan to eternal rivals Bordeaux.

Last autumn Cantona – then at Montpellier – had his biggest bust-up yet, a dressing-room brawl with a team-mate, Jean-Claude Lemoult, after a match at Lille. This time there were furious calls for the president, Louis Nicollin, to terminate Cantona's contract.

Nicollin opted for clemency, and Cantona went on to play a leading role as the club won the French Cup and successfully battled to avoid relegation.

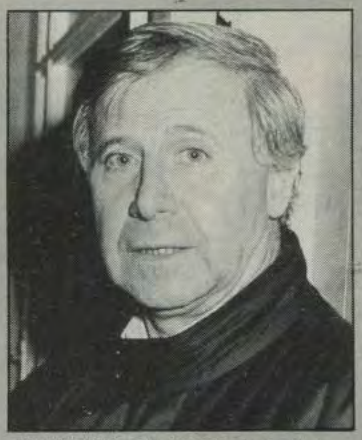
Whereupon Cantona promptly rejoined Marseille, intent on scoring enough goals to give president Bernard Tapie the Champions' Cup he so desires.

In his defence, Cantona claims that sensation-seeking journalists often exaggerate stories. "If you are well-known, your affairs are interesting for the public and especially the press," he says.

"I am not a saint but I have not been any more outrageous than at the beginning of my career. At Auxerre I did exactly the same sort of idiotic things, if not worse, but they were not made public knowledge.

"Since I was a kid I have always been known as the 'enfant terrible'. Why should I change because others would like me to be different? I am what I am."

At the time of the Cantona-Lemoult incident, France manager Michel Platini was asked what he would do about it. "If Cantona is a problem



*Michel Hidalgo (above) suspended Cantona and sent him on loan from Marseille to Bordeaux. Jean-Pierre Papin (right) was part of a prolific partnership.*

player, I know 300 in the same category," he replied. "If he's in form I'll pick him.

"In my opinion this business is not all serious. Is he a player apart? Yes, because he has an awful lot of talent."

Platini had seen Papin and Cantona as his first-choice attacking pair in the quest to restore France to the glorious epoch of 1982-86, when they twice reached the World Cup semi-final and won the European Championship.

"It is very important to have two players who are capable of scoring at any moment," says Platini. "Not many teams can boast of two such scorers."

Cantona returned to the French team after this year's suspension for the August 1989 friendly in Sweden, and quickly struck up a potent partnership with Papin. Both scored twice in a 4-2 victory that proved to be a watershed for both country and Cantona.

## Confidence

Platini's team received a much-needed fillip and continued a series of a dozen matches undefeated: Cantona's energetic and assured performance convinced the manager that he was worthy of an extended vote of confidence.

He did not disappoint, scoring nine goals in 11 appearances. These included one to help beat Scotland in Paris, two in Hungary, the headed decider against future World Cup winners West Germany, and the vital second strike as France leapt out of the European Championship qualifying blocks with a 2-1 victory in Iceland.

Cantona was born in Marseille in May 1966, and soon became devoted to soccer. On Saturdays he was an assiduous supporter of the Olympique Marseille of Tresor, Bereta and Yazalde, while Sundays meant turning out with the suburban youngsters of Les Caillols.

At 15 he was spotted by scouts from Auxerre, a small-town outfit who had gained promotion to the French First Division and, in their now-traditional low-key manner, were quietly sowing the seeds of future success with a judicious eye for young talent.

Cantona recalls: "At 15 I was dropped in at the deep end at Auxerre after abandoning my family and my studies. Suddenly nothing but football counted and with each match I had to prove myself."

But despite his tendency to nonchalance and his outbursts of temper, establish himself he did, developing into a key element of all-conquering Auxerre youth and reserve teams before being sent on loan to Second Division Martigues in 1985.

He returned in the following year, and wily Auxerre manager Guy Roux pitched him into a first team containing four other future internationals – goalkeeper Bruno Martini, defenders William Prunier and Basile Boli (now at Marseille with Cantona) and winger Pascal Vahirua.

By the season's end Cantona's 13 league goals and Under-21 call-up had earmarked him as a young forward of considerable potential.

Two months later he was a full international, after manager Henri Michel selected him to lead the French attack for the visit to West Germany.

Michel's decision was wholly logical. After all, had not France scored only twice in 360 minutes since the Mexico World Cup? Had not the young gun from Burgundy hit a goal a game for the Under-21 side?

"It had to happen sooner or later," said Cantona. "My selection is not just an end in itself, but the realisation of my first important objective. Now I must continue to improve in order to become the best."

In the opinion of many in France these were words born of an innate arrogance, but even the critics were forced to reconsider when Cantona marked an impressive debut with a goal as France lost 2-1 to the Germans.

Nevertheless in the next two years he made only four additional appearances in the blue shirt, foiled by Michel's lack of belief in him and more importantly by the pernicious image of a hot-headed upstart who acts rashly before dwelling upon the consequences.

"It's true that I do not usually think of the results when I do or say something and react impulsively," Cantona admits. "I do not seem to have the ability to calculate the effects of certain actions."

Certainly Cantona's early days in the sporting limelight were blighted by the media's obsession with him as the footballing eccentric, the complex loner who shut himself away in his remote country home, shaved his head on a whim, and dreamed of being an artist or an adventurer.

"I consider myself to be different from other players," he once claimed. "For most of them, football occupies their entire life. I do not want it to.

"Don't misunderstand me. I love football and there are moments when it is fantastic, but there are others when it gets in the way of everything.

"Football does not accept those who are different, and that disappoints me. Players are so boring. They are robots who are not supposed to think for themselves."

Yet when "Eric le terrible" did concentrate on the game, his bad press was instantaneously transformed into unadulterated praise.

## Completely

The French public, starved of success since the glory days of Platini, Giresse, Tigana and company, fell completely under the charm of the Cantona-inspired Under-21 team who won the European Championship in 1988 after eliminating Italy, England and Greece.

After quitting Marseille and spending four months at Bordeaux, Cantona was then again sent out on loan ... to Montpellier, where president Nicollin had moved heaven and local sponsors to team him with his Under-21 partner Stephane Paille, formerly of Sochaux.

But the expensive operation stuttered to a halt as both players produced sporadic form, Montpellier slumped to the basement, and, in another example of the Gallic transfer merry-go-round, Paille went on loan to Bordeaux, leaving Cantona to discover a solo rehabilitation programme.

A productive second half of last season at Montpellier and a goal spree for France helped Cantona to recover.

The "trouble-maker" was forgotten as Juventus and Marseille set the wheels of negotiation in motion during the close season, but Cantona was still contractually tied, and a return to his home town always was more likely.

Now, fighting back to full fitness, Cantona says: "I was not very fortunate in my first spell with Marseille and did not want to end my time there on a bad note.

"I do not know if I will succeed, but why should I have gone anywhere else?"

# ONCE-MIGHTY SANTOS STRUGGLE TO BUY SHIRTS

# SOB STORY

BY BRIAN HOMEWOOD

GET the handkerchiefs out and prepare for one of the saddest stories in football – the decline of Santos Football Club.

Beset by financial problems, the club where Pele spent most of his career and who twice won the World Club Championship today struggle to avoid relegation, are barely able to pay salaries on time, and even have difficulty providing shirts for the players.

Attendances at the Vila Belmiro stadium hover precariously around the 3,000 mark and the club have won only one title in the last 12 years – namely the Paulista championship in 1984.

The recent record in the Brazilian national championship is best left unmentioned and last year only Curitiba's suspension saved Santos from the relegation play-off. Most Brazilians would struggle to name more than one or two members of the present team.

Current president Antonio Aguiar Filho is desperately trying to improve matters and restore at least some former glory, but with money so scarce, he realises that it will be a long slow process, testing the patience of the club's supporters.

Unlike the man he succeeded, Miguel Assad, who attempted a series of audacious marketing plans to bring in funds – none ever came off – Aguiar is concentrating on something most of his apredecessors seemed to forget about: the team.

## Interested

"Santos was one of the world's strongest teams but in the last decade declined because of bad administration," he told World Soccer.

"The people who were running Santos were doing it with the objective of making a name for themselves. They were interested in the presidency to put themselves in the limelight and give themselves political prestige, but in doing so they forgot about the club."

"My administration is aimed at concentrating on the players and creating a team strong enough to regain the prestige that the club once had.

"Santos have everything to become a great club again. It's just a question of time and an administration that is interested in achieving this."

When Aguiar took over, the situation had hit bottom. "The club were in a very difficult financial position with debits to pay," he recalls. "We were short of players, we were even without shirts to be able to participate in the opening stage of the 1990 Sao Paulo championship."

Since then, things have slowly been getting better. The debts have been paid, the club now have "some money in the till" and five new signings have been made.

"We did this with donations from some of the directors and a lottery which is held at the stadium once a month," says Aguiar.

He now aims to continue improving the team, mainly by bringing in players from the youth divisions in which the club have begun investing more heavily.

"There are a lot of good players coming up. In the past, because of financial difficulties Santos used to let players go elsewhere when they reached 18 or 19. Now we are holding on to them and we hope they will be the salvation of the club."

Aguiar also intends to keep bringing in players from outside to add some experience. "We still can't make any big signings, but we can make intelligent signings."

He hopes the team will be able to make a serious bid for both the Sao Paulo and Brazilian championships next year "though we might have to wait until 1992."

Aguiar already has shown that he is patient, especially by the standards of most Brazilian directors. Manager Pepe, who joined the club after an unfortunate stint in charge of the Peruvian national team, has been at the club for more than a year, which is an eternity in Brazil – he is already one of the country's longest-serving managers.

The supporters, however, are not willing to wait. "They want the team to be as good as the one we had in the 1960s, and want immediate results," Aguiar says.

He adds that the club also intend to build a sports complex in the city centre and launch a campaign to attract members, adding to the revenue.

The sports complex idea was one of several ideas tried by former president Assad in his attempts to make the club financially viable. He brought Socrates to Santos at the end of 1988, after "the doctor" had spent a year out of the game.

Socrates was supposed to act as a leader on the pitch and be used in an advertising campaign to sell shares in the complex. Neither plan came to fruition.

He left after a few months, having failed to reproduce anything like his best form, while not a stone was laid on the site of the proposed centre.

**Santos Football Club**

*Founded:* 1912.
*Stadium:* Vila Belmiro, capacity 20,000 (some home games are played at the Pacaembus stadium in Sao Paulo).
*Address:* Rua Princesa Isabel, s/n, CEP 11100, Santos, SP
*Principal titles:* Sao Paulo championship in 1935, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1978, 1984.
Rio-Sao Paulo Cup in 1959, 1963, 1964, 1966.
Brazil Cup in 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965.
Libertadores Cup in 1962, 1963.
World Club championship in 1962, 1963.
(NB – the Brazil Cup was a knockout competition played between the winners of the state championships that preceded the Brazilian national championship. It was reactivated in 1989)
*President:* Antonio Aguiar Filho.

*Socrates (left) had a brief and unhappy spell with Santos. Serginho (right) has been making headlines for the wrong reasons.*

## Numbered

Another Assad brainwave was to auction the No. 10 shirt. He planned to arrange a friendly against a top European side in which Pele would appear for Santos wearing "his" number.

At the end of the match the shirt would be auctioned off and from then on Santos would cease to have a number 10 in the side – they would be numbered 1-9 then 11 and 20. The idea was expected to raise £3 million, but never got off the ground.

Assad also tried to persuade Luciano do Valle, the commentator/businessman/football manager, who runs the Brazil veterans' side and organises the Copa Pele, to form a team of star veterans to play exhibition matches abroad using the Santos name, but this too failed.

Money, of course, never used to be a problem. During the halycon days of Pele, Coutinho and Zito, the dollars flowed in as the team travelled round the world playing exhibition after exhibition for up to 40,000 dollars a time.

Santos in their heyday were a team Europeans would pay dearly to see.

The club, founded in 1912, made little impact in the early years, winning only the Paulista championship in 1935. But in the mid-1950s, with Pele, the situation changed dramatically.

Between 1955 and 1965 Santos won the Paulista championship seven times, the old Rio-Sao Paulo cup three, the Brazil cup five (in successive years), the Libertadores Cup twice and the World Club championship twice.

*Pele rounds defender Gustavo Pena in a match between Santos and Guadalajara of Mexico.*

Many of the scorelines read like fiction, with Santos often hitting the net eight or nine times in a game. Even championship finals provided goal festivals. In the 1962 World Club Championship final, Santos beat Benfica 3-2 at home before achieving a stunning 5-2 win in Lisbon, having at one stage led 5-0.

The next year they lost 2-0 away to AC Milan before winning the return 4-2 even without Pele and Zito. Santos then went on to clinch the trophy in a replay.

Performances like this put the club in enormous demand abroad and the players were subjected to long and exhausting tours, often having to play in different cities on successive days. The revenues were enormous but even at this stage the money was being thrown away almost as quickly as it rolled in.

"If Santos had taken advantage of their opportunities, they would today be the biggest club in Brazil, but all they have left are the memories of the glories and the crises," Assad commented.

There were numerous stories of scandals and money thrown down the drain. The most famous – or infamous – involved the purchase of the Parque Balneario Hotel, most famous in the city, in 1965.

The directors bought it with the intention of turning it into a casino, even though gambling was illegal, with the money to be paid over five years. But gambling was not legalised, as had been expected, there were reports of scandalous parties being held during which the contents of the building disappeared, and eventually the club, unable to keep up with the payments, lost everything that had been invested.

Today the site is occupied by a shopping centre and hotel together worth £12 million.

## Registered

Much of the money earned on the lucrative tours never got back to Brazil. Usually the directors would invite everyone and his dog, with the vast delegations staying in five-star hotel and frequenting luxury restaurants, night clubs and casinos.

Journalists claimed that on one trip to Europe during the 1960s the directors spent all the money that had been earned on the tour and then said they had lost it at the airport. The episode became known as "the dollars that fell from a plane."

In 1972, the football club was the scene of the biggest robbery ever registered in the city. After a derby game against Corinthians three directors returned to Vila Belmiro and deposited Santos's revenue in a safe hidden in the changing rooms. Next morning, when they returned, the money had gone.

The safe was intact, no doors had been broken down, the villain obviously knew Vila Belmiro like the back of his hand and had keys. The press described it as "a perfect crime."

By the early 1980s the golden era had finished and Santos could no longer survive on revenue, needing huge injections of money from presidents with deep pockets to stop bankruptcy.

The situation reached a low point in March last year when a magazine reported that following the financial failure of a tour to Chile, the Santos delegation did not have money to cover their hotel expenses in Santiago and left without paying.

The current Santos team contains five players who have come up through the club's youth divisions – left-back Flavinho, central defender Camilo, midfielders Cesar Sampaio and Axel, and winger Sergio Manoel.

Cesar Sampaio is one of the brightest prospects. There was speculation last year he would be transferred to Europe but the move did not materialise. His form in the Brazilian championship earned him a call-up from Falcao for Brazil's trip to Milan for Pele's 50th birthday celebration.

The current team have only one real idol – and perhaps it is a reflection of the club's state that he is the goalkeeper, Sergio. His acrobatic saves have rescued his team on numerous occasions and he earned his first full cap against Chile in October.

One other Santos player is also well known abroad – centre-forward Serginho, who played for Brazil in the 1982 World Cup. In recent months, however, Serginho has been making headlines for the wrong reasons.

He was banned for 150 matches after his part in a brawl during a Sao Paulo-Santos match in April, was allowed back earlier, and four days after making his comeback he was sent off.

Sadly, that was typical of his club's decline . . .

*Laying down the law ... Winfried Schafer says officials are being manipulated by players.*

By ARTHUR ROTMIL

# SEEING RED

## TOUGHER REFEREES START A RUSH

A WAVE of red cards is flooding European football following the new guidelines and directives issued to referees by FIFA.

Referees have been instructed to punish a so-called "professional foul" by sending off the offender. Players who stop opponents with a clear run on goal by bringing them down, or commit a deliberate handling offence to prevent a goal, are being shown the red card.

These regulations, designed to clean up football, have caused a massive increase in dismissals and bookings, because a clamp-down on over-robust play, fouls and other technical offences also has been imposed.

Statistics underline the trend and the increase of disciplinary cases, particularly among Europe's leading soccer powers. In West Germany's First Division there were 18 sendings off in 12 league rounds – a record. At the corresponding stage last year there were only 10.

Figures for other countries – the first figure denotes the current number of red cards, the second in brackets refers to last season – were: Holland 12 (4); Spain 13 (5); Austria 21 (13); Italy 15 (13); England 6 (2).

Only in France were fewer red cards shown. The French Football Federation ordered a crack-down last season, producing 38 sendings off. So far this term there have been 12.

The biggest row is going on in West Germany. Winfried Schafer, highly-respected manager of Karlsruher SC, complains: "Football is not being ruined by the flood of red cards, yet, but by the players' provocation and manipulation of referees, because so many pros are diving.

"I am in favour of introducing a sin-bin as in ice hockey, where hot-heads can cool off for a specified period without the ignominy of being sent off."

Guido Buchwald, captain of Stuttgart and one of West Germany's biggest stars in the World Cup, says: "Players are irritated by the new regulations. The game is definitely not rougher than it was before, but the refs are pulling the cards out much faster."

*Leaving for an early bath ... Thon of Bayer Leverkusen, sent off against Borussia Munchengladbach.*

New national team manager Berti Vogts and Bayern Munich boss Jupp Heynckes are of the same opinion, and claim that referees interpret the rules differently from those in European Cup competitions and internationals.

The Germans are particularly discipline-conscious, because it is a part of their national character. They also are concerned about the immediate future of football whose image, strangely enough in the year of World Cup triumph, is being damaged by unruly behaviour.

A special commission appointed by the DFB will soon examine the proposals made by some clubs with regards to the introduction of sin bins, where offenders would have to sit out between five and 15 minutes instead of being dismissed altogether.

There are dissenting voices from those who are worried that the match officials will be overburdened with extra responsibility. Now they have to decide within seconds how bad the infringement was. They are in effect asked to make judgements on three levels of gravity – an ordinary foul meriting a free-kick, a bad foul calling for a free-kick and a yellow card, and a vicious assault, or repetition of a previous offence, demanding a red card.

The bookings are added up and suspension follows automatically. But a sending-off is dealt with by a disciplinary commission before the length of suspension is pronounced. To impose additional decisions or not is another argument currently raging among German experts.

Some are now demanding to follow the Italian example, where a single disciplinary "supremo" decides a day or two after the sending-off what the punishment should be. Only rarely do the clubs appeal against his judgement.

But the Germans are loath to entrust the responsibility for discipline to one man. Shades of dictatorship are never far away from the minds of Germans who remember their history.

● England was the first country to instruct referees to punish the "professional" foul. In 1982-83 there were a record 242 sendings-off (including 15 goalkeepers), with 211 in the championship, 19 in the FA Cup and 12 in the League Cup. FIFA then ordered England's authorities to abandon the rule that they now seek to impose.



# TOP OF THE LIST

## ERIC BATTY'S WORLD XI

# and not a German in sight

AS ALWAYS when picking my annual best team I have gone for quality in every position, and being a World Cup year it is hardly surprising that the bulk of my selection appeared in Italia'90.

Dunga received some criticism from Brazilian fans and others, who, perhaps failed to understand that he was a defensive screen in the World Cup. He did an excellent job, but he is a screen who can "play" as well as holding up anyone who attempts to get forward with the ball at his feet, and run at the central defenders.

The critics of Brazil will live to regret the day that they forced Sebastiao Lazeroni to resign, for he was bringing their game up to date. Much as I admired the football from Brazil in 1982, they were easy meat for the sophisticated and tough Italians.

### Upfield

Lazaroni took a huge step forward for Brazil, but failed partly because Silas was unfit to take a major part in the competition after being a key midfield player there for two years, but most of all because he lacked a top striker to play upfield alongside Careca.

They have done all this before, and will pay dearly. I saw their super-side put together "on the spot" in Sweden in 1958. Then I saw the same tactics, an outdated 4-2-4, being used in 1966.

I know that Pele was kicked out of the competition, but the truth is that Brazil were swamped in midfield. I saw all the games in that group, where most of the good football of 1966 was played. Against three or four in midfield, as played by Hungary and Portugal, the Brazilians had no chance.

Apart from Brazil taking a giant step back by appointing Falcao to replace Lazaroni, World Cup'90 marked a turning point for England. For the first time, apart from an experiment by Ron Greeenwood, who played Ray Wilkins as a libero against Northern Ireland, a sweeper was used.

Now it looks as if he has come to stay in the England camp, but about 20 years too late, and already this system is out of date.

I first saw the libero system in Italy in the middle 1950s, and contrary to popular belief it was not Helenio Herrera who introduced it. He did use a libero in the glorious 9-2 thrashing of Wolves, but in the home leg, when Barcelona won 4-0, they played with the attacking stylist Ladislav Kubala instead of the libero, and only used Jesus Garay in that role in a counter-attacking system at Molineux that brought a 5-2 dividend.

I was probably the first coach in Britain to use a libero, with my amateur team in what was then the Greater London League, and is now the Spartan League. That was more than 30 years ago.

As always the English are way behind the times. For a number of years the top teams have revised their defence shape according to the opposition.

### Unmarked

If an opponent plays with two strikers up, then the modern thinkers field a libero and two markers, and pack the rest into midfield. If the opponent plays only one up front, then they have one marker and libero. But that would be far too daring for any English club.

The odd man out in my team is Ian Rush, who was not in Italia '90. I have long admired him as a goal-scorer, but he is also an excellent target, always showing himself for a ball at feet, and playing it off first time.

With so much square passing going on, even in the Liverpool team, always trying to find an unmarked man, it is refreshing to see Alan Hansen surge forward, and find Rush with a 30-yard pass.

On top of these qualities Rush does a tremendous amount of work when the Liverpool attacks break down, always harrying and challenging. Any defender with the ball within reach of Rush is fair game, and quite often he wins the ball, more often hustling the opponent into giving a bad pass, or even to give away possession.

For the first time in years I am confident that my team above would thrash any team in the world, given a few games together, and an understanding coach.

**Shilton (England)**

**Baresi (Italy)**

**De Mol (Belgium)** **Ferri (Italy)**

**Dunga (Brazil)**

**Silas (Brazil)** **Ceulemans (Belgium)** **Valdo (Brazil)** **Vazquez (Spain)**

**Rush (Wales)** **Van Basten (Holland)**

**Substitutes: Walker (England), De Leon (Uruguay), Milla (Cameroon).**

## SHILTS FAREWELL

GRAHAM TAYLOR will choose an England side to face a World Cup XI managed by Franz Beckenbauer at Tottenham on December 18 for Peter Shilton's farewell international.

Billy Wright said: "Peter Shilton has never had a testimonial match at club level and we thought that it would be fitting that his record breaking career at international level be recognised.

"We are certain that the public would welcome the opportunity of showing their appreciation of what has been a magnificent international career?"

# CAMEROON'S KINGS

BY BOB PATEMAN

## The decade that led to Italy

*Key man ... Kunde in action, above, and part of the celebrations, top left, after scoring against England.*

WHAT a dull and disappointing World Cup we might have seen had it not been for the Cameroon team.

Long after the winning German side have faded from memory, fans will still be talking about the Indomitable Lions – whose first visit to England, at Wembley in February, is eagerly awaited.

The Cameroon run of success had its seeds sown back in the 1970s, with the performance of Canon and Tonerre in the African club championships.

These club campaigns built up a core of seasoned veterans who had experience of playing around Africa and an expectation of winning.

The club success took a while to transfer to the national team, but in 1981-82 Cameroon qualified for both the World Cup and Nations Cup finals. Since then they have been the most consistent side on the African continent.

The 1982 World Cup side, unbeaten in their three games, were already mature. Indeed, two of their biggest names, Tokoto and Bakoken, were past their best and were to play little part in the proceedings.

But Milla and N'kono, both winners of the African Player of the Year title, more than lived up to their reputations and were to provide a solid base for the team.

For others, Spain was a breakthrough. For example, Emmanuel Kunde was to go on to captain the team and win a place in the French league, and Aoudou, always an underestimated member of the side, could play equally comfortably in defence or midfield and was a regular in the team for the next four years.

Although the 1982 World Cup results were pleasing, the defensive tactics of the side were a great disappointment and it was not until the 1984 Nations Cup that we really saw Cameroon at their best.

Milla, a lone striker in Spain, was now joined by Ebongue and Djonkep, to form a fluid 4-3-3 line-up.

Doumbe Lea, injured for the World Cup, was back in the centre of the defence, and during the tournament Sinkot secured the full-back position he was to fill with such distinction over the next three years.

That 1984 tournament, however, belong to Abega. He was elegant and arrogant, never hurried, always in control – a very similar player in many ways to Chelsea's Peter Osgood.

He was certainly the key man in Abidjan, with Belloumi of Algeria the only other player on view with his ability or vision.

By 1986 the side had gone into decline. They had just been eliminated from the World Cup by Zambia and the critics – myself

*Key save ... Shilton foils Oman Biyik in the World Cup clash.*

### CAMEROON – Championship teams 1982-1990

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| **1982 Nations Cup** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| v Tunisia | 1-1 | N'kono | Nyeya | Aoudou | Doumbe Lea | Mbom | Abega | Kunde | Mbida | Ebongue | Milla | Nquea | | |
| Ghana | 0-0 | N'kono | Enoka | Aoudou | Onana | Mbom | Abega | Kunde | Mbida | Djonkep | Milla | Nquea | (Ekoule) | |
| Libya | 0-0 | N'kono | Toube | Aoudou | Doumbe Lea | Mbom | Abega | Kunde | Mbida | Djonkep | Milla | Ekoule | (Ebongue) | |
| **1982 World Cup** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peru | 0-0 | N'kono | Kaham | Kunde | Onana | Ndjeya | Abega | Mbom | Mbida | Aoudou | Milla | Nquea | (Bahokea, Tokoto) | |
| v Poland | 0-0 | N'kono | Kaham | Kunde | Onana | Ndjeya | Abega | Mbom | Mbida | Aoudou | Milla | Nquea | (Tokoto) | |
| Italy | 1-1 | N'kono | Kaham | Kunde | Onana | Ndjeya | Abega | Mbom | Mbida | Aoudou | Milla | Tokoto | | |
| **1984 Nations Cup** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt | 0-? | N'kono | Toube | Ndjeya | Doumbe Lea | Aoudou | Abega | Kunde | Mbida | Ebongue | Milla | Djonkep | (Dang) | |
| v Togo | 4-1 | N'kono | Toube | Ndjeya | Doumbe Lea | Aoudou | Abega | Kunde | Mbassi | Ebongue | Milla | Djonkep | (Dang, Makon) | |
| Ivory Coast | 2-0 | Bell | Toube | Ndjeya | Doumbe Lea | Sinkot | Abega | Aoudou | Mbida | Ebongue | Milla | Djonkep | (Kunde) | |
| v Algeria | 0-0 | Bell | Toube | Aoudou | Doumbe Lea | Sinkot | Abega | Kingue | Mbida | Ebongue | Milla | Djonkep | (Nguaya) | |
| | (5-4 pen) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nigeria | 3-1 | Bell | Toube | Ndjeya | Doumbe Lea | Sinkot | Abega | Aoudou | Mbida | Ebongue | Milla | Djonkep | (Kunde) | |
| **1986 Nations Cup** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zambia | 3-2 | N'kono | Ndip | Aoudou | Kunde | Sinkot | Abega | Mbouh | Kana | Ebongue | Milla | Mfede | (Oumuvou, Mbida) | |
| v Morocco | 1-1 | N'kono | Ndip | Aoudou | Kunde | Sinkot | Mbidaa | Mbouh | Kana | Ebongue | Milla | Mfede | | |
| v Algeria | 3-2 | N'kono | Ndip | Aoudou | Kunde | Sinkot | Mbidaa | Mbouh | Kana | Ebongue | Milla | Mfede | | |
| Ivory Coast | 1-0 | N'kono | Ndip | Aoudou | Kunde | Sinkot | Mbidaa | Mbouh | Kana | Ebongue | Milla | Mfede | (Dang, Oumuvou) | |
| v Egypt | 0-0 | N'kono | Ndip | Aoudou | Kunde | Sinkot | Mbidaa | Mbouh | Kana | Ebongue | Milla | Mfede | (Oumuvou) | |
| **1987 African Games** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Madagascar | 3-0 | Sonso'o | Ntamark | Massing | Kunde | Sinkot | Mbouh | Tataw | Kana | OlleOlle | Biyick | Mfede | (Abena, Djonkep) | |
| v Kenya | 3-3 | Sonso'o | Ntamark | Massing | Kunde | Sinkot | Mbouh | Tataw | Kana | Abena | Biyick | Olleolle | (Djonkep) | |
| v Tunisia | 3-0 | Sonso'o | Ntamark | Massing | Kunde | Sinkot | Mbouh | Tataw | Kana | Abena | Biyick | Olleolle | (Djonkep) | |
| v Egypt | 1-1 | Sonso'o | Ntamark | Massing | Kunde | Sinkot | Mbouh | Tataw | Djonkep | Abena | Biyick | Olleolle | | |
| | (3-4 pen) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Malawi | 1-3 | Sonso'o | Ntamark | Massing | Kunde | Sinkot | Mbouh | Tataw | Djonkep | Abena | Biyick | Olleolle | (Loga, Madensue) | |
| **1988 Nations Cup** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt | 1-0 | Sonso'o | Ndip | Massing | Kunde | Ntamark | Ekeke | Tataw | Kana | Makanaky | Biyick | Milla | (Mfede) | |
| v Nigeria | 1-1 | Bell | Tataw | Massing | Kunde | Ntamark | Mbouh | Mfede | Kana | Makanaky | Ekeke | Milla | (Djonkep, Olleolle) | |
| v Kenya | 0-0 | Bell | Tataw | Massing | Kunde | Ntamark | Mbouh | Mfede | Kana | Makanaky | Djonkep | Milla | (Olleolle) | |
| v Morocco | 1-0 | Bell | Tataw | Abema | Kunde | Ntamark | Mbouh | Mfede | Kana | Makanaky | Olleolle | Milla | | |
| v Nigeria | 1-0 | Bell | Tataw | Massing | Kunde | Ntamark | Mbouh | Mfede | Kana | Makanaky | Olleolle | Milla | (Abena) | |
| **1990 Nations Cup** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zambia | 0-1 | N'Kono | Tataw | Massing | Kunde | Ebwelle | Libih | Ebongue | Kana | Makanaky | Biyick | Djonkep | (Mfede) | |
| v Senegal | 0-2 | N'Kono | Tataw | Massing | Kunde | Ebwelle | Libih | Pagal | Kana | Makanaky | Biyick | Ekeke | (Djonkep) | |
| v Kenya | 2-0 | Andem | Tataw | Onana | Kunde | Ebwelle | Libih | Maboang | Kana | Makanaky | Biyick | Djonkep | (Feutmba, Mfede) | |
| **World Cup** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Argentina | 1-0 | N'Kono | Tataw | Massing | Ebwelle | Ndip | Kunde | Mbouh | Kana | Mfede | Biyick | Makanaky | (Milla) | |
| v Rumania | 2-1 | N'Kono | Tataw | Onana | Ebwelle | Ndip | Kunde | Mbouh | Maboang | Mfede | Biyick | Makanaky | (Milla) | |
| v USSR | 0-4 | N'Kono | Tataw | Onana | Ebwelle | Ndip | Kunde | Mbouh | Kana | Mfede | Biyick | Makanaky | (Milla, Pagal) | |
| v Columbia | 2-1 | N'Kono | Tataw | Onana | Ebwelle | Ndip | Kunde | Mbouh | Kana | Mfede | Biyick | Makanaky | (Milla, Djonkep) | |
| v England | 2-3 | N'Kono | Tataw | Massing | Ebwelle | Kunde | Maboang | Libih | Pagal | Mfede | Biyick | Makanaky | (Ekeke, Milla) | |

*Flying ... Makanaky avoids a tackle by Popescu of Romania.*

*Stopping ... N'Kono blocks a shot during the match against USSR.*

included – pointed to the continual presence of Milla, N'kono and Kunde as evidence that the team were past their best.

What we did not notice, and probably it still hasn't been appreciated, was that Cameroon went into that tournament with a new and young midfield in which Mfede, Kana and Mbouh were all making their debut in a major tournament.

Abega was expected to give the side experience in the middle, but a disastrous spell in Europe had destroyed his confidence, and instead that role fell to Mbida, another unheralded player but one who was present for virtually every championship game between 1982 and 1987.

Cameroon took part in All-African Games tournament of 1987. Here, as in the Olympics, soccer was just one part of a multi-sport festival and few overseas stars felt the necessity to turn out for it.

## Vital

That probably proved vital in developing the side, for it gave a host of players – Ntamark, Massing, Ebwelle, Tataw and Biyick – experience that was to prove vital, and enabled Kunde to emerge as a dominant force.

Two who also played in Kenya, goalkeeper Sonso'o and tiny striker Olleolle, sadly did not go on to develop their potential. Sonso'o of course might still get his chance if N'Kono ever decides to retire.

The 1988 Nations Cup brought Cameroon's second win in three tournaments. Bell, for the only time in a major tournament, started as the first-choice goalkeeper, but otherwise it was a combination of the old squad and the young players who had emerged at the previous year's Cup.

The one exception was Makanaky, who used this tournament to make his breakthrough into the team.

Between that victory and Italy, we saw Biyick became more and more the key man in attack, with Milla being used mostly as a sub. Onana, Ebwelle and Ndip all started to compete for places in the defence, with Kunde more likely to play a midfield role.

This was the side quietly maturing together before launching the greatest series of surprises in World Cup history.

**Appearances**

World Cup finals, Nations Cup finals, African Games. Maximum possible 34. 29 Kunde, 26 Milla, 20 Kana, N'Kono, 18 Mbouh, Mfede, Djonkep, 16 Aoudou, 15 Mbida, 14 Sinkot, Biyick, 13 Makanaky, 12 Abega, Ebongue, 11 Massing, 10 Ntamark, Goals, 11 Milla, 5 Kana, 3 OlleOlle

# SPIDERMAN

## N'KONO'S AN AFRICAN LEGEND

**THE build-up to the World Cup gave the "Bell or N'Kono" saga – the longest-running soap opera in African soccer – another chance to make headlines on the African sport pages.**

Antoine Bell was expected to emerge as Cameroon's top keeper. He had shown great form in France, where Bordeaux had been among the title challengers, and had kept a clean sheet in the final World Cup qualifying tie with Tunisia. Even World Soccer led a Cameroon report with the headline "Bell comes out of the shadows."

When the team was named Bell was indeed in the side, but then came the aftermath of his untimely remarks criticising the team's build-up to Italy.

The Cameroon Football Federation were not amused and when the Lions marched out against Argentina, there, yet again, was the familiar figure of Thomas N'Kono.

Indeed the debate as to which of these keepers is the best seems only to exist among fans and writers, for whenever the two have been available for selection, N'Kono has nearly always been first choice.

He is the only player to win the African Player of the Year award on two occasions, and not surprisingly is one of the most popular figures in African football.

N'Kono started his career as a promising winger with L'Eclair de Doula. One day the goalkeeper didn't arrive, N'Kono stepped in, and that was to be the start of a legend.

During these early days of playing on dry, hard pitches N'Kono got into the habit of wearing black tracksuit trousers, now his trade mark, earning him the nickname of Black Spider.

By the 1974-75 season he was showing such promise that he was invited to join Canon, and his promotion to the first team, and then the national squad, followed in rapid succession.

With Canon regularly qualifying for African competitions, N'Kono was soon getting plenty of experience of travelling and playing around the continent, and his reputation started to spread. In 1978 he was third in the African player of the year poll, and the following year he won the trophy for the first time.

In height and build N'Kono is an ideal size for a keeper – 1.83 meters and 80 kg. He is agile, and has the calm temperament that is vital for the job. But his position as Africa's No. 1 has not come without a lot of hard work.

In the early days his punching and positioning for crosses were weak, and improvement has come only from hours of training.

## Decisive

Although Cameroon clubs had become the leading force in Africa, the national team continued to disappoint their fans. The breakthrough came in the 1982 World Cup qualifying rounds and the final, decisive game was against Morocco – in which N'Kono saved a penalty.

He went to Spain as a 26-year-old with 64 internationals to his credit, but he had seen little of football outside of Africa.

The first World Cup tie was against Peru, and N'Kono appeared nervous in the opening minutes. But when Cubillas slipped through to shoot, N'Kono brought off a great reflex save. That was just what he was looking for, and from there he got better and better.

Ironically his one mistake against Italy cost the side a place in the next round and, later, became the big question mark in the alleged bribe scandal. When you recall the 30-yard shot N'Kono tipped over the bar, his save from Tardelli, and finally his desperate dive to deprive Graziani of a goal, it seems impossible to imagine that Cameroon, and N'Kono particularly, were giving anything less than 100 per cent.

There were certainly no doubts expressed at the time, and N'Kono was voted African Player of the Year for the second occasion. He also won the hearts of the Spanish fans, and at the end of the tournament signed for Espanol of Barcelona.

Cameroon's first success on the domestic front came in 1984, when the team went to the Ivory Coast and won the Nations Cup. N'Kono opened the tournament as first-choice goalkeeper but flew to Spain to play in a league match and did not return, giving Bell the chance to prove himself as a capable deputy.

Two years later, in Egypt, N'Kono was back in the team, and on this occasion he played in every game as Cameroon reached the final. But Cameroon now had so many stars playing overseas that it was difficult to get a team together for important qualifying games. N'Kono was often absent – he missed the 1986 World Cup defeat by Zambia, the 1987 African Games, and the 1988 Nations Cup, when, with Bell in goal, the West Africans won their second title in six years.

N'Kono, however, was enjoying a particularly successful spell in Spain, where Espanol had unexpectedly qualified for Europe. He was particularly impressive in their UEFA Cup win over Inter Milan, one of the great surprises of that year's competition.

So to Italy, and Cameroon's spectacular string of victories. N'Kono provided many of the best memories – his saves in the opening minutes against Argentina, his willingness to leave his area to collect the ball, and that dive to tip a Colombian free-kick over the bar. It made you see exactly why he has remained Cameroon's choice for so long, against such good opposition.

FRANCE BY ANDRE DUCLOS

# BEZ, BIRDS AND BORDEAUX

## A row with a difference

HOW pleasant it would be to concentrate solely on football as she is played. But of course we can't

Not when Claude Bez, deposed president of Bordeaux, is singing like a canary, trying to bring down his detested rival, Bernard Tapie, over supposed attempts to fix matches and topping that, if one may use such a phrase, by claiming that he used to fix up referees with ladies of the night when they were refereeing his club's European matches. Like everybody else, he claimed.

Not that Bordeaux ever won anything in Europe.

How it will all end? Bez claimed to have chapter and verse on an alleged telephone call involving the French international midfielder, Philippe Vercruysse, but the results of the allegedly fixed games were hardly favourable to Marseille.

What IS favourable to Marseille at the moment? Having shelled out that massive £1.6 million one-year contract for Franz Beckenbauer, they lost in the League twice to far from brilliant opposition, and lost the first leg of the Champions' Cup match against Legia in Warsaw, before winning 6-1 at home.

Beckenbauer has been singing a happy song about his relations with Tapie, even after the bizarre crossing of wires over Pascal Olmeta, the Marseille goalkeeper. Beckenbauer says that money isn't everything, it is the challenge that counts, and he could have made more in Italy. I've never heard of an Italian club paying a manager remotely what Beckenbauer is now getting.

Back to the bizarre Huard-Olmeta case. You may remember that Olmeta was signed at the end of last season from Racing Club de Paris, much to his joy, after he had waited for a call, following a superb display in Marseille that enabled the doomed Racing to eliminate them from the French Cup.

He then insisted on a dotty contract that gave him the role in virtual perpetuity, even though the club had the excellent Gaeton Huard.

Pascal's contract, however, laid down that if he wanted to play, he did. In effect he couldn't be dropped, but would be out only if injured. Even then, he presumably would have the last word.

So when Beckenbauer, who hadn't been told about this and apparently had not been reading the French papers, put Huard in the squad for a match against Saint Etienne, the dirt hit the fan.

Tapie promptly pulled Huard out and accused the Press of making trouble; or, as he put it, knitting up a fine old story where there was none.

A journalist acidly wrote that in this case, Marseille had provided both the needles and the wool.

The injury to Cantona (see page 26) has given Chris Waddle the chance to cement a place alongside his great chum Papin – who has looked after him ever since he got to Marseille.

Waddle likes roving around in attack, doing his own thing rather than loitering on the wing.

### Roving

Yugoslavs, as always, play a salient part in French football, even those who may not have been too well known when they got here. Such as the Metz attacker, Aliocha Asanovic, who took a busman's holiday recently when he went home to Zagreb to help Croatia – playing as a national team for the first time since it was a puppet Nazi state in the war – beat the USA 2-1.

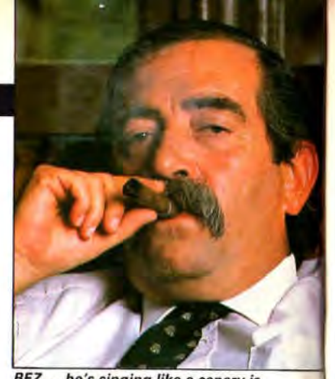
Asanovic, not quite 25, played a prominent role.

This is his first season in France, and in his first 11 matches he got seven goals. Primorac, Surjak and the brothers Vujoic all came to France from Hajduk Split in the past, so Metz were not taking too great a gamble.

The evergreen Safet Susic, now 36, continues to decorate midfield with Paris Saint Germain, having fulfilled his ambition to figure in the World Cup, and Mlinaric is doing well in midfield for Cannes.

Montpellier may not have been outstanding in the League, but they continue to work wonders in the Cupwinners' Cup. Laurent Blance, as libero has never played so well, and Ziober continues to score and make spectacular goals on the left wing. PSV and Bobby Robson can testify to that.

Valderrama has not been always at his best, but he, the first Colombian to play in European football, can always produce the sporadic flash of brilliance and sent Ziober away.



*BEZ ... he's singing like a canary is his row with TAPIE.*

*HURD ... he is suffering because of his rivals odd contract.*

*SUSIC ... still decorating the midfield for Paris St. Germain after appearing in the World Cup.*

TURKEY BY HASAN CEMALI

# Hooligan threat to training session

**TROUBLES keep piling up for Fenerbahce. The latest was an invasion by stick-waving hooligans.**

The thugs, about 50 of them, went to the training area to protest about recent poor results. Fighting broke out and several players had to be treated for cuts and bruises.

Apparently the hooligans threatened further violence if the team's play did not improve, even indicating that they would go to players' homes and make further trouble.

All the invaders had fled by the time the police arrived.

Coach Guus Hiddink said: "I've never seen anything like it. Wild, wild. But beating up players won't solve anything."

There was another problem with Ridvan Dilman, the little midfielder who still refuses to give up despite his awful luck with injuries.

Dilman returned to the Fenerbahce team after 11 months out of action, for the match against Karsiyaka in Izmir, and scored within two minutes of going on as a substitute.

He added another goal near the end, in a 6-2 win, and left the field to an ovation from a 60,000 crowd.

But all was not sweetness and light. Hiddink had included Dilman with reluctance, feeling that the player still was not 100 per cent fit.

Some players disagreed, notably that abrasive goalkeeper Toni Schumacher. And the dispute became so heated that Schumacher allegedly threw his gloves in Hiddink's face.

This was Fenerbahce's third away win out of three, but over the same period they lost three and drew two at home.

Rumours still persist over Hiddink's future, but for the moment he's still there.





FINLAND BY PENTTI HEITANEN

# Kuusela's crown

**MARTTI KUUSELA celebrated his return as coach of HJK Helsinki with a championship.**

In the play-off final HJK took on arch-rivals Kuusysi Lahti and drew the first encounter 1-1, but won 4-3 in the penalty shoot-out.

Then in the second leg, HJK needed only one goal by Kimmo Tarkkio to win and carry off their 17th title.

The match, played in terrible conditions, was somewhat marred by the sending-offs of Jari Rantanen (HJK) and Jari Rinne (Kuusysi), both Finnish internationals.

Not even Kuusela could push HJK to a double. They were defeated 2-1 in the Cup final by Tampere, Marek Czakon scoring a winner that almost everyone thought to be offside.

Kuusela, who quit as Finnish national manager in 1987 and then spent a year coaching in Denmark, says he would still be interested in trying his luck abroad.

"The problem is that nobody seems to want a coach from Finland," he says. "Perhaps I should obtain a German passport and change my name."

Kuusela shares the view of several experts who were critical of the league format, especially those controversial penalty-kick competitions.

"A league championship should never be allowed to go into these penalty shoot-outs," he said. "They are nonsense and we should abandon them immediately.

"I have to admit that there were not many outstanding players this season. Pasi Rautiainen, my midfielder, was the best Finnish player by a mile. Pasi showed plenty of bright ideas and scored several vital goals for us."

At the moment, however, Rautiainen is not in the Finnish national team.

*KUUSELA ... championships should never be decided by penalty shoot-outs, he says.*

AUSTRIA BY ARTHUR ROTMIL

# ON THE SLIDE

**AUSTRIANS are likely to look back on this season as the most humiliating in their country's history.**

The demise of the national team against the rank outsiders, the Faroe Islands, was followed by the disastrous second round of the European competitions.

Champions FC Tirol were trounced 9-1 by Real Madrid, Cup-holders FK Austria slumped to a 4-0 defeat by Juventus, and Rapid Vienna fell to Inter-Milan.

Top English referee George Courtney sent off two Austrians and caused a storm of protests over his "bizarre" match control, as the quality media had put it. Others made mostly unprintable comments.

Worse was to follow for FK Austria in the 184th Viennese derby.

### Redeeming

World Cup referee Helmut Kohl sent off three FK players, so that Rapid's 3-0 win was hardly surprising. Norwegian international striker Jan-Aage Fjortoft scored twice, and Helmut Pfeiffenberger got the third.

FK's sent-off contingent, Ernst Aigner, Peter Stoger and Ralph Hasenhuttl, are all internationals. They can expect severe club and FA punishment.

A bad spell is threatening Admira-Wacker's First Division status. The sale of the country's top scorer, Gerhard Rodax, to Atletico Madrid, was supposed to help the club to redeem crippling debts, and possibly to engage new players.

Unfortunately the Admiraner also let Knaller and Schaub depart to the Second Division, while libero Oberhofer went into retirement and new signings proved disappointing.

East German striker Olaf Marschall from Leipzig failed to fulfil his promise and has now been converted into a midfielder. Ernst Ogris is missing too many chances and Rudi Glatzmayr is constantly injured.

Team chief Ernst Weber has been replaced by Thomas Parits, but the club are still perilously close to the relegation zone.

SWEDEN BY PENTTI HEITANEN

# Torbjorn's turnaround

**IFK keep marching towards the Swedish play-off title, but for a moment the limelight has been stolen by their Gothenburg rivals, Orgryte IS, already relegated to the Second Division.**

To the utmost disgust of several IFK fans, Orgryte announced their new coach: 36-year-old Torbjorn Nilsson, a legendary goalscorer with IFK during the 1980s. Imagine Kenny Dalglish being named as coach of Everton, and perhaps you can understand how the IFK fans feel!

The play-off competition seems to be no more than a formality for Roger Gustafsson's IFK, who beat Norrkoping 3-0 away in the first leg of the final. Kaj Eskelinen (2) and Ola Svensson scored the goals.

IFK's Thomas Ravelli recently won his 78th full cap for Sweden, becoming the country's most capped goalkeeper. The record was held by Ronnie Hellstrom, who collected 77 caps between 1968-80.

Ravelli had no time to celebrate as Sweden went down 3-1 to West Germany.

The tactical gamble with a 3-5-2 formation backfired as the likes of Voller and Klinsmann continually penetrated a rather heavy-booted defensive trio of Liverpool's Glenn Hysen, as sweeper, Sulo Vaattovaara (Norrkoping) and Jan Eriksson (AIK Stockholm).

The Swedes were not at full strength because Arsenal's controversial new pin-up boy, Anders Limpar, decided not to play after all. Limpar heatedly denied any club influence on his decision. "My leg is not well," he claimed, but not many were willing to believe him.

### Running

The only bright lights for Sweden were Stefan Rehn in midfield and Tomas Brolin up front. Rehn was technically on par with the Germans, while Brolin at last displayed some of his World Cup sparkle with his splendid direct running.

Brolin's career in Italy is developing well, but some of the stories in the Italian press raised a smile in Sweden.

They called him "The Last Viking" and told fantastic tales about having to train in deep snow and on the ice-covered lakes as a youngster in Sweden's Lapland.

*NILSSON ... IFK hero has switched to their biggest rival.*

**SEPP PIONTEK'S appointment as national Turkey's team manager was welcomed early in the year, but results have not gone his way.**

He is clearly unhappy after one draw and three defeats, and says that the players are not fit enough to handle his 3-5-2 formation.

The results were 0-0 against the Republic of Ireland and 4-1 against Hungary in friendlies, 5-0 by the Republic and 1-0 against Poland in the European Championship.

Piontek used no fewer than 97 players in trial matches, but still needs to strengthen his squad before the next internationals.

BULGARIA BY BOB VAUGHAN

# Slavia strike threat fades out

**LEAGUE leaders Slavia cling on to top place despite threats of a strike by their players.**

A media conference was called to discuss the row between officials and team, but no players turned up.

Members of the committee took the opportunity to criticise some of them, claiming that they had been put up to the move by outsiders anxious to make trouble at the club, the oldest in the country.

Chief coach Miladinov did not help to calm matters when he said that this would be an opportunity to get rid of some of the team.

So an uneasy peace reigns for the moment, with Slavia still one point ahead of Lok Go, despite difficulty in scoring.

This problem was further proved in the goalless draw with Levski, played in pouring rain with live TV coverage depressing the gate still further.

There was another "rebellion" at Sliven, with players saying they would strike over a dispute with the coaching staff.

The BFU told them to get on with their job, and they did it - beating Yantra 5-1.

*MILADINOV ... uneasy peace.*

CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY BOB VAUGHAN

# Cheb lighten the gloom

**TRANSFERS out of the country, a 2-1 defeat in Paris in the European championship, and the elimination of four clubs from the European tournaments make for a bleak prospect.**

After their excellent result at Koln, where few visitors triumph, Inter could not do the necessary at home and went out 2-1 on aggregate.

Only the previous weekend's 1-0 home win over Bohemians had prevented Bratislava's second club slipping to the penultimate spot in the "tabulka" and it now looks like a dogfight with Dukla – who had an encouraging result in Kiev, but could not contain Dynamo in the return – and promoted Presov, to retain premier status.

The surprise leaders, Cheb, have yet to lose away. Their latest success was a 2-1 victory at Olomouc, where Mistr got a late winning goal.

Slovan are close behind but Sparta, understandably, are having an indifferent season following the loss of so many players. Stejskal must be wondering what has hit him since his arrival at Queens Park Rangers.

## Running

In the regional groups of division two, the Czech and Slovak National Leagues, Zlin – no longer called Gottwaldov – and former European Cup participants Trnava are making the running for the promotion places.

But unless some sort of play off arrangement is introduced, domestic football will lose more support.

The star players are all abroad, only some 30,000 spectators are turning out each weekend to see eight matches, prices are increasing and, in border areas, more attractive games can be seen across the line.

Clubs also urgently seek sponsors as state subsidies slip away, so it is vital those playing abroad respond to the call and see every effort is made to reach Sweden.

*Prevented ... Pokal of Inter Bratislava stopped by the Koln defence.*

*Protassov ... missed a late chance to clinch a victory over Italy.*

SOVIET UNION

# THREE ON A CHARGE

**INTERNATIONAL success has followed the completion of the Soviet League programme.**

**Moscow Spartak reached the quarter-finals of the Champions' Cup, Dynamo Kiev are in the same stage of the Cup-Winners' Cup, and Torpedo are in round three in the UEFA Cup, all helping to maintain interest well in to the spring.**

**Spartak got through only by a whisker, but that was more than expected when they drew Napoli. Surviving 0-0 in the first leg was some feat in front of 46,000 Neapolitans.**

**A penalty victory eventually was recorded, but how much Maradona's escapades helped the Soviet champions is hard to assess.**

**Dynamo Kiev did well against Dukla Prague, who finally needed four goals to go through.**

**Whether Torpedo can maintain the charge looks to depend on a good first leg win in Moscow, if possible along the lines of the 3-1 advantage secured over Seville. A 4-3 on aggregate in Spain was a trifle close for comfort.**

**In the European Championships, a point from a goalless draw in Rome means that the Soviets trail the Hungarians by a point but have a game in hand, whereas the Italians have dropped two points in two games.**

**Not one of the three has lost, however, so Group Three is going to be close.**

**An injury-handicapped Italian team with Schillaci in indifferent form was seldom a threat to Uvarov's goal, and Protassov should have given coach Bichovets a famous victory in the 82nd minute, when all on his own in front of Zenga.**

**Home wins, expected victories over the lesser fry and a draw in the Nepstadion could enable the Soviet Union to get to Sweden.**

**BOB VAUGHAN**



ITALY BY PADDY AGREW

# WILL VICINI FALL AGAIN

**ONE NIGHT last August, towards the end of a holiday at Cesen-tico on the Adriatic coast, Italian manager Azeollo Vicini was awakened by noises from the street below.**

**Suspecting an attempted break-in and still half asleep, Vicini went out of the balcony to check.**

As he peered over the side, Vicini lost his balance. Even though the bedroom is on only the second floor, the fall of about 20 feet would still have caused serious damage had he not been 'caught' by the sunshade of a street-level shop. Vicini still fell heavily on to the footpath, breaking an ankle.

The incident provides a cruel metaphor for Vicini's autumn. Little has gone right for him since the 'magic nights' of Italia '90. As he rides the fickle wheel of fortune that constitutes soccer management, he knows only too well that two European Championships draws have jeopardised his position.

A poor performance from Italy in their next game, against Cyprus on December 22, and Vicini could well topple over again, and this time there will be no sunshade to save him.

It is ironic that little Cyprus should again play a key role in Italian soccer history. The mention of Cyprus brings a resigned grin to the face of Vicini's predecessor, Enzo Bearzot.

Eleven of his 1982 World Cup winners (Zoff, Gentile, Cabrini, Oriali, Collovati, Scirea, Causlo, Tardelli, Rossi, Antognoni, Grazlani) were held to an historic 1-1 draw there in February 1988, seven months after the Madrid final, also in a European Championship qualifier. Will history repeat itself?

Time will answer that question but we know for certain that in their two group outings so far, 1-1 in Hungary and 0-0 at home to the USSR, Italy have seemed light years away from the side that thrilled Italians (and others) last summer.

In neither game did Italy move with any of the pace, fluidity or purpose that characterised their better moments during the World Cup. Worse still, both Hungary and the Soviet Union could rightfully claim to have had the better chances of winning both games.

So, what has gone wrong? The disappointing Hungarian performance might well be blamed on a certain 'fragility' of the Vicini Italia when playing away.

In their only previous 'difficult' away competitive match, against Sweden in a 1987 European Championship qualifier, Vicini's Italy crumbled to lose 1-0 to a decent side.

Yet, frankly, the Hungarians showed nothing in Budapest that would entitle them to being considered even a 'decent' side. Despite that, for long periods of the game, the Italians were struggling.

## Rome Rubbish

The away factor might explain a poor night in Budapest but it does not explain a poor afternoon against the Soviets in Rome. In their own, now favourite stadium and against an almost entirely new Soviet side, Italy ought to have been able to run the game much as they liked.

But on a pitch made heavy by autumn rains, Italy never really got at the cautious Soviets, managing only two shots on target. Worse still, the best chance fell to the Soviets when Baresi, yet again, made a basic error, allowing himself to be robbed by Oleg Protassov.

Vicini had his excuses. He was without Bergomi, Vialli, Donadoni and Giannini against the Soviets. The almost waterlogged pitch obviously penalised the home side, impeding attacking play and slowing down the likes of Baggio and Schillaci.

Then too, the Soviet side is a very tidy unit indeed and one that can only get better as new coach Anatoly Bishovet works out his ideas.

All these excuses are valid but they will mean little if Italy stumble in Cyprus. Even an impressive win there may not be good enough for Vicini.

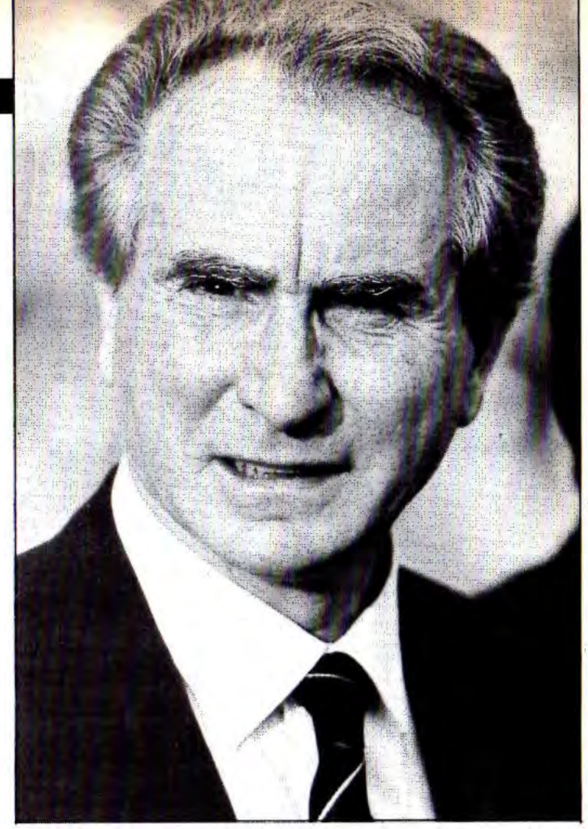
There have alway been those in Italian soccer ready to criticise Vicini. The fact that he was neither a great player nor manager at club level works against him. Professionals within the game tend to consider him 'un uomo del Palazzo', a Federation Yes Man, someone who will do his job diligently, correctly and obediently.

Such criticism has been consistently silenced by Vicini's record as manager – only six defeats in 46 games since taking over in 1986.

Yet there remains the suspicion that, for all his fine record, Vicini does not have the personality to put together a really great side.

Guidance is provided by both this summer's World Cup finals and the 1988 European Championship finals. The Italians looked like world beaters until they met serious opposition, Argentina in '90 (little above average) and the USSR in '88 (well above average).

When the pressure is on, Italy will crack, people say. Vicini has one last chance to prove this line of thought wrong.



*Vicini ... he has a last chance to refute the critics. Below: Giuseppe Bergomi ... absent against the Soviets.*

*Baresi ... uncharacteristic errors in the European qualifiers.*

SWITZERLAND BY ARTHUR ROTMIL

# TOP THREE IN TROUBLE

THE Swiss national team lost the European Championship qualifying tie in Scotland by 2-1, but in contrast to many previous failures the media this time praised the performance.

Despite having to place four injured defenders and taking the field without a trained libero, the Swiss could and indeed should at least have drawn.

A minute from the end striker Kubilay Turkyilmaz – who is joining Italian club Bologna – missed an open goal from two yards.

In the last 25 minutes the Swiss controlled the game and attacked with four strikers, even with five.

Referee Esa Palso of Finland awarded three penalties, of which only the first (for Scotland, missed by Ally McCoist), was justified. And in the last minute he sent off the Swiss veteran Andy Egli for a body check on Gordon Durie.

Unhappily, certain unsavoury incidents will have repercussions from UEFA's disciplinary commission. Turkyilmaz, who insulted and then tried to attack the referee, and national team manager Uli Stielike, who also tried to get at him, must expect to be punished.

Turkyilmaz described the circumstances as "the blackest day of my career".

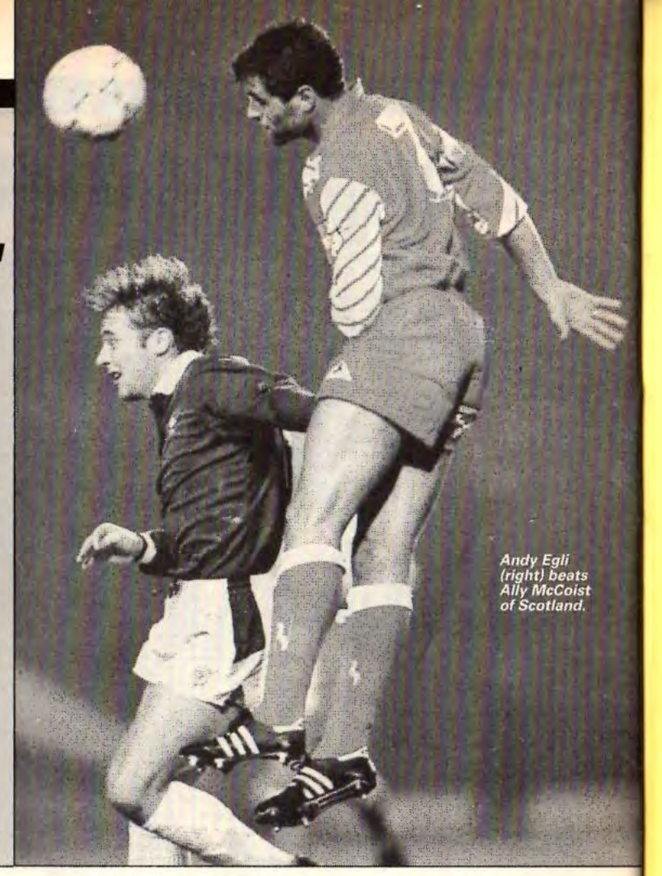
The media commented that the Scots were disappointing, the Swiss technically better, but they didn't risk much until the second half onslaught.

Stielike said: "We have a good team who will get better. The situation in this group is well balanced."

Lausanne opened a three-point gap at the top of the table, after 15 rounds. The surprising Sion were next, followed by Lugano, Grasshoppers (the holders) and Xamax.

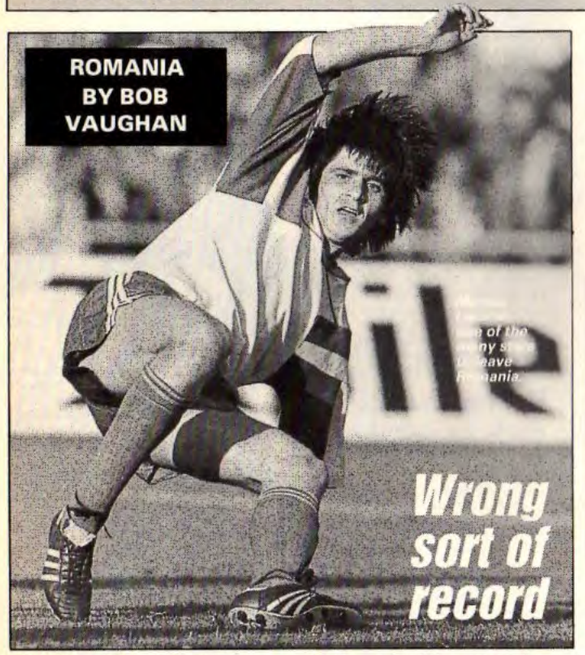
FC Zurich and Wettingen were at the bottom, already well behind.

English team boss Roy Hodgson was under fire at Xanax because his side had scored only 12 goals – the lowest total in the 12-club division. But the defence had conceded only 10, the fewest of all.



*Andy Egli (right) beats Ally McCoist of Scotland.*

ROMANIA BY BOB VAUGHAN



# Wrong sort of record

FOUR top clubs must have achieved some sort of record in the first leg of the European competitions' second round.

Steaua, Dinamo, Craiova and Timisoara did not manage a single goal, the latter conceding seven to Sporting in Portugal.

The departure abroad of so many international players is not the only cause of the decline. There are plans to limit the emigration of top stars, though this could contravene the right to travel and, in any case, is bolting the stable after the footballer has fled.

The situation in sport mirrors the state of the country. Nothing is certain, and conditions are bad.

Who can blame the players good enough to be made handsome offers in marks and francs?

Sport is hardly the number one priority at the moment but at least clubs could have the money which transfers abroad bring in.

GREECE BY LOUIS ECONOMOPOULOS

# Byron in bloom

TOP teams in the Greek First Division may have thought that Athinaikos would be a pushover this season. But the newcomer from the Athens suburb of Byron entered December in third place after two back-to-back away victories against Aris Salonica and OFI Crete.

Athinaikos, founded in 1917, have not been in the major league for 31 years, but have lost only to Iraklis and Olympiakos so far this season, taking nine points from seven games.

Before the two-week break at the end of November Olympiakos Piraeus and Panathinaikos held top spot with 11 points.

Gert Prokop, a German, is the coach of Athinaikos, and pre-season signings included Nikos Sarganis, Christos Dimopoulos and Christof Bonef.

The squad remained basically unchanged from last season's Second Division title triumph, however, and things are looking bright.

"Our goal is to reach 28 points, which I believe will be enough to keep us in the First Division," Prokop admitted. "We want to relieve the stress. Discipline and passion on the pitch are our main weapons."

The Greek national team beat Malta 4-0 at home in the first round of the European Championship, and many believe that the squad may finally be on the way to better days.

More than 10,000 fans showed up to see the match, at Athens Olympic Stadium.

"The quality shown by this team deserves many more supporters," said coach Antonis Georgiadis.

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Panachaiki v Athinaikos
Levadiakos v Apollon



SPAIN BY GRAHAM TURNER

# The night of the long scalpels

BY the time of Spain's surprise defeat in Czechoslovakia came up, Barcelona had shot ahead of the pack with seven wins and a draw in eight games.

Then they lost Ronald Koeman during a defeat by Atletico Madrid ... and a remarkable tragic-comedy began.

Koeman limped off after two minutes, went back on, and finally beat a retreat six minutes later. On the following morning, magnetic resonance tests revealed a partially-torn achilles tendon.

Koeman was rapidly persuaded by his next-door neighbour, Johan Cruyff, that the surgeon for the job was the former Barcelona doctor, Rafael Gonzalez Adrio, who had operated on Cruyff as a player.

Adrio immediately sent faxes to the media, proclaiming that he had been chosen for the job, whereupon the Barcelona medical staff, who hadn't been consulted, threatened to resign en bloc.

The outcome was an amazing scene in the operating theatre, where two surgeons conducted a verbal tug-of-war, asking an anaesthetised Koeman to "name his butcher".

Barcelona's surgeon, Josep Borrell, finally performed a successful operation and, amid bitter protests from Adrio about having been jilted at the altar, forecast a March return for Koeman.

The Barcelona Medical Association is now conducting an official investigation into the unseemly scuffles during the night of the long scalpels.

Many of the Barcelona directors felt that Cruyff's behind-the-scenes manoeuvering had led to the club's image being tarnished, and the internal rifts were deepened by the aborted attempt to sign Jan Molby from Liverpool.

Cruyff was convinced that Molby was the ideal replacement for Koeman and was incensed when president Josep Luis Nunez and vice-president Joun Gasparat dragged their heels on negotiations and, at the last moment, announced that Molby was "too expensive".

## Koeman trapped in Barcelona farce

In the meantime Barcelona had dropped another point in a 0-0 home draw with surprise side Burgos, and the failure to sign a replacement for Koeman gives Cruyff a ready-made excuse for any dips in league form.

With left-back Albert "Chapi" Ferrer also out after a cartilage operation, Cruyff has had to re-work his defensive set-up.

The tragedy for Barcelona was that Koeman, after a disappointing first season in Spain and a dismal World Cup, had suddenly struck peak form and had even produced some candidates for Goal of the Year.

Spain's defeat in Czechoslovakia summed up a frustrating year for Luis Suarez and his team.

He called it "a great performance. If we play like that we won't lose another game."

"Incredible," said Andoni Goicoechea. "I cannot understand how we lost a match which we had in our pockets."

"We suddenly started to play our worst football when we were completely on top," snapped Emilio Butragueno.

After Danek had given the Czechs an early lead, Spain started to build some attractive moves, despite the wet conditions. Roberto's 30th-minute equaliser took a deflection off Kocian, but justice was done.

When Valencia's attacking right-back, Quique, hit a pinpoint cross for Carlos to head the second after 55 minutes, Spain looked on top of the world.

Then, five minutes later, Suarez controversially replaced Carlos with Bakero. Even though Carlos had made little impact apart from his goal, his departure coincided with a sudden onset of collective somnolence.

A back-header by Serna had allowed Danek to score the first goal, and two more defensive errors allowed Danek and Moravcik to clinch a hard-fought and not entirely deserved victory.

Perhaps even more importantly, the match illustrated some of the internal tensions currently affecting the Spanish game.

The kit-man, for example, travelled to Prague with two change strips to avoid the colour clash between two red-shirted nations. One was blue, the other an all-white strip distinctly reminiscent of Real Madrid.

The three "meringues" – Michel, Butragueno and Sanchis – insisted on white, and thereby proved to all and sundry that, although they were outnumbered by six Barcelona players, they were still the ones who – to use a Spanish axiom – cut the cod.

Rafael Martin Vazquez has been granted star status following his move to Torino, and Suarez raised eyebrows by conceding him privileges in terms of training and time off.

He proved in Prague that his play has gained in maturity, and Spain's decline became acute when he ran out of steam midway through the second half.

Suarez is showing increasing nervous tension. He raised hackles in some sectors of the Spanish media during the World Cup, and ended the competition by being sent off for his touchline hysterics in the game against Yugoslavia.

As a sample of his tetchiness, he reacted to pre-match questions about his appraisal of Tottenham's Spanish midfielder Nayim with another burst of nervous indignation, as if he had been insulted.

Suarez, criticised even by his deputy, Chus Pereda, realises that, despite a contract until June 1993, his every move is being minutely scrutinised.

Just as John Toshack's every move was monitored at Real Madrid...

*Koeman (second from right) had struck peak form before his injury.*

GERMANY BY ARTHUR ROTMIL

# SIMPLY STUPID!

## That's why the rest of them won't catch Bayern

VOILER scored what proved a vital goal against Luxembourg. Binz (right) and Strunz (far right) are two for the future.

NEW national team manager Berti Vogts began his reign with three away games – 1-1 in Portugal, 3-1 in Sweden and 3-2 in Luxembourg.

The last match was West Germany's first European Championship qualifying tie and though it brought the expected two points, the application of most players in the closing stages was quite out of character.

In effect, the Germans led 3-0 (goals by Klinsmann, Bein and Voller), but eased off and allowed their underrated opponents, who fielded only three professionals, to hit back and go near an equaliser.

The fact that Reuter and Moller cried off through injury while Buchwald, Littbarski and Thon had been ruled out with ailments did not excuse the shoddy display in the last half-hour.

Vogts will have to drum into his players that a game lasts 90 minutes, and he should make it clear to his world champions that they don't have an automatic right to winning matches. Even against Luxembourg – who had not won a major international for 18 years.

Vogts said: "I am very disappointed. This performance was unworthy of world champions."

He has stuck to nearly all the World Cup squad, but has had to replace sweeper Augenthaler, who has retired from the national team. Vogts chose Manfred Binz of Eintracht Frankfurt, who is to be given an extended run. According to team captain Matthaus, Binz could become another Beckenbauer.

Another newcomer, Thomas Strunz of Bayern Munich is described by club manager Jupp Heynckes as "the next Matthaus". We'll see.

Bayern had given some erratic displays but took over at the table's top for the fourth time this season, after trouncing Hamburg 6-1. One statistician worked out that they were leading for the 299th time in Bundesliga history!

Midfielder Stefan Effenberg earned country-wide publicity with the wisecrack that could become synonymous with Bayern's superiority: "The other clubs are too stupid to win the title. That is why we shall be champions again."

The "others" included Kaiserslautern, who lost 4-2 to Karlsruher, Eintracht Frankfurt, beaten 1-0 by the bottom club Hertha Berlin, and Bayer Leverkusen, who loudly proclaimed their title aspirations, then dropped a valuable home point to Werder Bremen.

But Bayern are not immune, as their 4-0 defeat at a weakened Koln a week earlier had shown.

Frankfurt manager Jorg Berger conceded that his team did not play intelligently enough. "In 20 years as coach I have never seen one of my teams waste so many chances," he said. He claimed there were 21, but then all managers are prone to exaggeration.

Berger now wants to stick an enlarged copy of Effenberg's derisory verdict and other Bayern "predictions" on the dressing room wall, to motivate his players.

Bayern boss Heynckes told Effenberg not to make such inflammatory remarks about teams in the future.

# More sorrow than celebration

BY BOB VAUGHAN

THE 90th celebrations of the DFB's foundation have been a cause of sorrow rather than celebration.

There was little enthusiasm for the proposed match between East and West, a symbol of unification that led to riots and at least one soccer-related death.

Not surprisingly, the game was called off.

Dog continues to eat dog in the last days of the Oberliga, the East German tournament which carries entry into West Germany's Bundesliga next year for those lucky enough to make it.

Failure means the Third Division, virtually extinction, and former giants such as FC Berlin and Carl-Zeiss Jena are currently in grave danger.

Hansa Rostock lead, under Uwe Reinders, one of two West Germans coaching Oberliga sides. The other is "Jimmy" Hartwig, sitting out a suspension as his Leipzig "Sachsen" stagger from one problem to another on and off the field.

Crowds are way below those of previous seasons, and there could be the making of an off-the-field scandal. The price paid to Dynamo by VfB Stuttgart for Sammer, the most successful ex-GDR footballer in the Bundesliga, appears to have been remarkably low, perhaps by a million marks.

And questions still arise as to where the "loot" from Thom's sale to Bayer Leverkusen last year actually went.

THOM ... questions over his transfer are still unanswered.

## Finalised

The League's Executive Committee have now finalised plans for the restructuring of the Bundesliga following the merger between West and East.

After the end of this season in June, the champions and runners up of the East German Oberliga will be admitted automatically into the First Bundesliga, which will be enlarged from 18 clubs to 20, but in two years the number will be reduced to 16.

In 1991-92 and 1992-93, four clubs will be relegated and only two promoted. The Second Division will comprise two sections of 12 clubs each, including six East German teams – three in each pool. After playing home and away, the top six in each group will be joined into a play-off section, whose champions and runners-up will gain promotion.

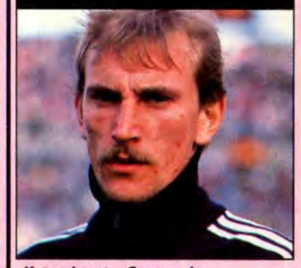
The remaining 12 will play-off against relegation, and the bottom two will drop into the amateur ranks.

As from 1992, a League Cup will be organised and played for during the winter break.

The clubs also agreed to set aside a fund of £1.7 million to help any club, West or East, who experience financial difficulties. The money will be raised from television income.

GICA POPESCU ... proving a great buy for PSV.

POLAND BY BOB VAUGHAN



Katowice star Szewczyk.

# KATOWICE CLING ON

LECH POZNAN followed victory over Olympique Marseille with a difficult "Elite League" match in Silesia against leaders Katowice, who dominated the play but could not turn their superiority into goals.

Gebura put Lech ahead 20 minutes from the end and that seemed to be enough, but Kubiszthal had other ideas. Only a few seconds were left when he converted a free-kick to earn a draw that put Katowice two points clear of Zaglebie Lubin.

Gornik Zabrze also took both home points, from LKS Lodz, to climb within a point of third-placed Hutnik Cracow, the surprisingly successful promoted club.

Hutnik's latest success was 4-0 against Motor Lublin. Local rivals Wisla beat Ruch Chorzow 5-2 after trailing 2-0 at the interval.

HOLLAND BY SIMON KUPER

# ON THE CREST

## Popescu and Sabau are top stars

EVERYONE agrees: the two best players in this year's Dutch League so far have been Gica Popescu and Ioan Sabau, two Rumanian internationals.

After the World Cup, where Rumania impressed before falling to Ireland, PSV signed Popescu and Feyenoord captured Sabau.

Popescu, a libero, is 23 and Sabau, who plays in midfield, is a year younger, yet they have almost 30 caps each, and certainly play like veterans. Better yet, Sabau cost a mere £600,000 and even the £1,500,000 PSV paid for Popescu is a snip at current prices.

In short, they are just what ailing Dutch football needed.

Real Madrid, Bologna, Rangers, Cologne and Lecce all made bids for Popescu this summer. Lecce thought they had signed him, and PSV general manager Kees Ploegsma was put to much trouble to ensure the Romanian came to Holland after all.

It is easy to see why Popescu attracted so many offers: he is inventive and skilful, and he alone has kept Bobby Robson's floudering PSV on Ajax's trail.

When Montpellier drew PSV in the Cup Winners' Cup this season, the French turned to the former Dutch manager George Knobel for advice. "Control Popescu," Knobel told Montellier's Henryk Kasperczak "Then PSV will be trapped."

So it proved, and Montpellier made headlines all over the world by knocking out PSV.

When Popescu is unable to make 40-yard runs into midfield before finding a hole for his strikers, nobody at PSV can take over his role. The wonder is that such a player could have chosen the miserable Dutch league over Italy or Spain.

PSV Feyenoord star SABAU.

Sabau, if anything, is even more important to Feyenoord than Popescu to PSV. Thijs Libregts, another former Dutch manager, commented: "Sabau is really very good. He can read the game, he makes runs, he acts quickly and his technique is very good.

"But at the moment at Feyenoord he's still a white raven among too many grey players. He acts and thinks too fast for some of his teammates."

Sabau is a world-class player in a mediocre Dutch team. His contract at Feyenoord runs for four years. At the moment, away from his unhappy country, he is content in Rotterdam – but he belongs in Milan, or alongside Hagi in Madrid.

Naturally, when Sabau has played badly, Feyenoord have lost. And that is what happened for a few weeks last month when the horrors of Romanian politics caught up with Sabau. Dynamo Bucharest, his old club and formerly the plaything of Nicolae Ceaucescu's secret police, told Feyenoord that they wanted more than the £500,000 the Dutch had originally paid for Sabau.

What is more, the government threatened Sabau with a press campaign against his family unless he returned home for the pointless friendly against Poland. Popescu also was bullied.

Sabau was angry at the way he had been treated at the European Championship qualifier in Scotland that Romania lost 2-1. Despite his strong form at the World Cup, he started the game on the bench and only went on late in the second half.

He feels he is being punished for his move to the west. Martin Snoeck, a director at Feyenoord, complains: "They're portraying him as a money-wolf because he deserted them."

Romania now have tightened the rules preventing players from emigrating. But can this work? In years to come, surely, every league in Europe will have its golden Romanians.

# Vitesse surprise packet

VITESSE Arnhem's 4-0 victory at Dundee United would have been a shock at any time, but Dutch football's current crisis makes it seem incredible.

Even after beating United 1-0 in the home leg, Vitesse travelled to Scotland with little hope. The Scots led the table and had a distinguished record in Europe: Vitesse were mid-table and making their first venture into continental competition. Six years ago they were almost bankrupt.

"This is fantastic – none of us had dared dream of this," said manager Bert Jacobs after the match at Tannadice.

The Vitesse's hero was outside-right Bart Latuheru, who celebrated his 24th birthday with two goals. He also achieved fame through the peculiar dance he performed after scoring, which has now been shown on TV all over Europe.

Another strong man was Frans Thijssen, voted England's Player of the Year back in 1979 during his spell with Bobby Robson's Ipswich. Thijssen, 38, has retained his touch and vision, though he now plays at sweeper rather than in midfield.

He is scathing about current standards in the Dutch league. "The fact that I've been asked to keep playing says it all – and I can cope easily too," he says.

# NO TEA!

## THAT'S THE FLYING DOCTOR'S NEW RULE

**NEW boss Dr. Jozef Venglos has made one radical change since taking over at Aston Villa. He has cut out the half-time cup of tea!**

Venglos, the 54-year-old Czech who succeeded Graham Taylor, believes that when tea is imbibed in a state of excitement, it acts as a depressant and tires the muscles. So ... not cuppa at the break.

Apart from that, Dr. Venglos has made a favourable impression in his first few months at Villa Park.

"It is a privilege to be here," he says in his careful English. "I have followed English football for years and played against English clubs many times.

"I know that football is not just a sport here, but a part of religion."

Venglos, who was in charge of his national team 76 times, has imposed his own brand of skill on the Villa side, with the emphasis on quick ground passing.

He is quick to acknowledge, however, that he inherited a good squad from Graham Taylor, and that he has been able to build upon that foundation.

But Venglos was wise to keep the same back-room staff that Taylor had recruited. They had been operating successfully as a team and Venglos has been able to utilise this set-up to his own advantage.

He admits: "The early days were difficult. I was on trial even more than the team. But I was delighted with the way the players responded."

The 2-0 win over Internazionale in the UEFA Cup will be remembered as a splendid performance, even though Villa went out after the second leg.

The "Flying Doctor" also has been able to score from England's World Cup success, because David Platt has emerged as an outstanding player, respected on the Continent as much as he is in England. Italian clubs are naturally very interested in acquiring such a player, and not surprisingly his value has been put as high at £8m.

Platt is keen to remain with Villa for the time being, enjoying his success after his formative years were restricted when he was allowed to leave Manchester United for unfashionable Crewe.

He is a jewel, and Venglos is astute enough to polish him as brightly as possible.

In the meantime, Venglos has been joined by his wife, Eva, in Birmingham, and they are enjoying their new way of life.

They are no strangers to living in various countries but Venglos could hardly have expected to return to England as manager of one of the top clubs, after one of his fact-finding missions when he was welcomed by the late Bill Shankly at Liverpool and Bill Nicholson at Spurs.

But the irony of his appointment is that the wheel has turned a full circle. Jimmy Hogan, Villa's manager in the 1930s, was the first coach to go into Europe, and now one of his disciples is back at Villa Park.

Watching Venglos in action at Villa's training ground, it was quite apparent that there were several ideas reminiscent of Hogan, who invented the coaching manual.

**BRIAN MARSHALL**

*Platt and Berti in opposition during the first leg of the Villa-Internazionale UEFA Cup match.*

*Jozef Venglos collects a celebrated autograph – from Sir Stanley Matthews.*

# OLEG IS SO UNLUCKY

**BY ALAN FAIRLEY**

**DOWN the drain. That, sadly, seems to be the place for Oleg Kuznetsov's dreams.**

The transfer of Soviet international Kuznetsov from Dynamo Kiev to Rangers took months of complicated negotiations, until at last the deal was done.

A sum of £1.2 million changed hands, and Kuznetsov became the latest big name to join Graeme Souness at Ibrox.

He made an impressive debut in a 5-0 win over St. Mirren, but after only 14 minutes of his second match, at St. Johnstone, he was carried off.

Some time later, a gloomy Kuznetsov set off for California, to spend time at a clinic where micro surgery on ligaments is a speciality.

"We spent a lot of money on Oleg," said Souness. "Another £20,000 or so on getting him right doesn't matter."

Let us all hope it's money well spent. Kuznetsov, around 30, is not of an age when such surgery can be easily shrugged off.

That was one problem for Rangers. Another concerned veteran England defender Terry Butcher, who missed the Skol Cup final against Celtic in controversial circumstances.

Butcher refused to play in the game, saying he was not "mentally attuned" for it. He was later transfer-listed and joined Coventry as player-manager.

Rangers still had sufficient depth in their player pool to inflict an extra-time defeat over Celtic in the Skol Cup. Richard Gough scrambled the winner after Mark Walters had equalised Paul Elliott's goal, to give Rangers their first trophy of the season.

This was Souness's fourth success in this tournament in five attempts since his appointment as manager.

Two of Scotland's Europe-based players returned to their homeland recently.

Murdo McLeod, formerly with Dumbarton and Celtic, went to Hibernian after a highly-successful stay with Borussia Dortmund, and the much-travelled Steve Archibald joined St Mirren from Espanol.

McLeod had talks with Dunfermline and Hibs before returning to Scotland, but clearly felt that Edinburgh provided a better opportunity in relation to his long-term ambitions concerning coaching and management.

Archibald is another who is nearing the end of his playing days, but St Mirren boss Tony Fitzpatrick clearly feels that the player's experience will compliment Icelandic international Gudmunder Torfason and West German Tomas Stickroth.

*Kuznetsov has gone to the United States for surgery.*

# Scotland suits Simon

**IT'S a long way, in footballing terms, from the glamour of Wembley to the more homely surroundings of Brockville Park, Falkirk.**

This particular journey has taken Simon Stainrod eight years to complete, incorporating a variety of stopping-off points such as Sheffield, Stoke, Birmingham and France.

Stainrod experienced the excitement of an F.A. Cup final when he appeared for Queens Park Rangers against Tottenham in 1982, collecting a runners-up medal after a Glenn Hoddle penalty in the replay had finally separated the teams.

Since then he had played for Sheffield Wednesday, Stoke and Aston Villa as well as French clubs Strasbourg and Rouen before arriving at Falkirk as part of a £100,000 transfer last summer.

"I'm enjoying my football just now more than at any time since my days with QPR," says Stainrod.

"Scottish style seems to suit me. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in France, it's a great place to live, but the football's different. It's highly organised and regimented, with little opportunity for creativity."

David Holmes, former chairman of Rangers and the man who brought Graeme Souness to Ibrox in 1986, formulated the deal.

Holmes, now Falkirk chairman, met the player in France during the summer and sold him the idea of taking his talents to Scotland.

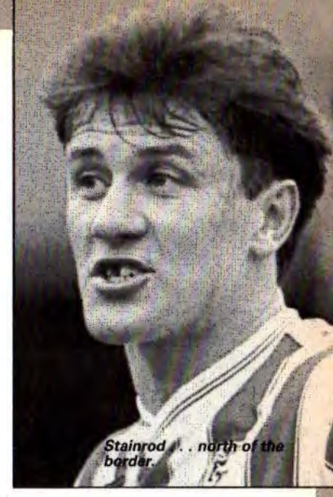
"David Holmes convinced me it would be a good move.

"The management team are forward-thinking and ambitious, the players are hungry for success and the fans are enthusiastic. Promotion this year is definitely a realisable ambition but the First Division in Scotland is a very hard league."

Stainrod, now 31, began with Sheffield United and played for Oldham before going to QPR. Now he is looking to a career in management once his playing days are over.

"I quite often take the Falkirk reserve team and I'm getting involved in coaching young players," he says.

**ALAN FAIRLEY**



*Stainrod . . . north of the border.*

# TERRY SMILES AFTER ALL

**BY MARK WEST**

**WALES beat Belgium 3-1 at Cardiff Arms Park in their opening European Championship fixture. It was manager Terry Yorath's first competitive win since taking over from Mike England in 1988.**

It was a celebratory night for the Welsh in front of 12,000 supporters – one of the best supported international matches in recent years. Ian Rush equalised Versavel's 24th minute strike and the match looked set for a draw until Dean Saunders and Mark Hughes found the net in the closing eight minutes.

The optimism generated by that result coupled with Germany's narrow 3-2 victory over Luxembourg have stilled a genuine belief that Wales may cause an upset and reach the last eight in Sweden.

The result may also give Crystal Palace's John Salako pause for thought. Salako can play for any four of the home countries and Yorath had called him up into the squad. Nigerian-born Salako declined to commit himself.

He wants to see what other nations – particularly England and Scotland – have anything to offer to satisfy his international ambitions.

Wrexham bowed out of the European Cup-Winners' Cup at the second round. The struggling Fourth Division outfit, forced to play an almost second string team because of UEFA's interim four foreigner rule, were rewarded with a plum draw with English outfit Manchester United.

There was an inevitability about the outcome – United ran out 5-0 aggregate winners – but Wrexham performed admirably. They threatened a possible upset at Old Trafford until they conceded two quick goals just before the break, and restricted United to just two goals at the Racecourse Ground where they packed in a bumper second leg crowd and received vital cash.

Cardiff City, meanwhile, sold Ray Daniel to Portsmouth for £80,000. Not the most sensational transfer of the season. For City, however, it was significant, as it marked the end of the Football League's ban on the buying and selling of players at Ninian Park.

The Welsh Cup has reached the third round stage and already Cardiff are out – beaten by Merthy Tydfil – and holders Hereford United were held to a 1-1 draw at Edgar Street. Wrexham are scheduled to meet Cheltenham.

*Saunders . . . a scorer against the Belgians.*

# PORTADOWN AT FULL POWER

**PORTADOWN'S 3-0 away win over Ballyclare Comrades 10 was the club's seventh successive League victory this term.**

They are the only team in Ulster's top flight still boasting a 100 per cent record which has included victories over Bangor, Cliftonville, Carrick, Ballymena, Linfield and Omagh.

The club, who lifted the Irish Championship for the first time last term, hold a two-point lead over second-placed Glentoran and a five-point advantage over Cliftonville and Glenavon.

Portadown seem unstoppable this season. Already they have won the Lombard-Ulster Cup beating Glenavon in the Final. The first tie at Windsor Park was drawn 1-1 and so was the replay after extra time. But Portadown claimed their first piece of silverware by winning 3-2 on penalties.

They are also on course for two more early season trophies.

Portadown will meet Glenavon in the Gold Cup Final after overcoming Bangor 1-0 in the semi-finals, and they have booked a semi-final place in the Budweiser Cup by beating Ards 4-2 after extra time in the first round and Crusaders 2-1 in the quarter-finals. They now meet Ballymena, while Glenavon face Omagh.

The balance of football power on the field has certainly changed. The Eighties were dominated by Linfield who have not started at all well. They have won just two League games and drawn one, and have failed in the cup competitions. The post-Coyle era looks a bleak one for Windsor Park club.

The same may be said of Billy Bingham's national team. Already they have lost 2-0 to Yugoslavia and were held 1-1 by Denmark in their first two home European Championship fixtures. Northern Ireland know they cannot afford to drop any further points if they are to maintain any genuine interest in the competition.

**MARK WEST**

# CORK FLOAT TO THE TOP

**BY SEAN CREEDON**

**CORK CITY are the surprise leaders in the Bord Gais League of Ireland Premier Division. On completion of 11 of the 33 game championship Cork were the only unbeaten team two points clear of reigning champions St Patrick's Athletic.**

Cork is the second city of the Republic of Ireland. However, Corkonians often claim that their city and not Dublin is the 'real' capital fo Ireland. Whatever you think about that claim there is no doubt that Cork was the sporting capital of Ireland in 1990. In gaelic games their hurlers and footballers became the first county to win both the All-Ireland Finals in the same year.

Now Cork City are top in soccer.

Cork have had a high turn-over of clubs during the 69th year of the League of Ireland. Great clubs like Fordsons, Cork United, Evergreen, Cork Athletic, Cork Hibernians and Cork Celtic have come and gone. Celtic were the last club from Leeside to win the League, back in 1974.

## Replaced

For a few seasons the City didn't have a senior club and they lost one of their best grounds, Flower Lodge, to the Gaelic Athletic Association.

Cork City were founded in 1984 and one man who helped put them on a solid footing was Eamon O'Keefe. The former Irish international was replaced by the experienced Noel O'Mahony, who had been involved with both Hibs and Celtic. O'Mahony led City to the FAI Cup Final in 1989 where they were lost to Derry City in a replay. As a result fo that great Cup run Cork lost their star defender Brian Carey to Manchester United.

This season O'Mahony has recruited a few players from strife-torn Limerick City and he has discovered a real star in Irish Under 21 player Fergus O'Donoghue. The team has been further strengthened and with the arrival of John Butler on loan from Airdrie. He joins fellow Scot Mick Conroy, the former Glasgow Celtic player. And for good measure Cork's goalkeeper is Welsh-born Phil Harrington.

Shamrock Rovers players and visiting teams appearing on the club's new ground at the Royal Dublin Society have been advised to get tetanus injections. The Rovers doctor feels that if players a cut on the grass, used by horses for many years, they may pick up an infection.

There has been the usual good humoured banter among Dublin supporters regarding the move the R.D.S. and jokes about 'four faults' and 'water jumps' abound.

**Bob Pateman reports on the 11th Asian Games**

# Chinese build for the future but...

# IRAN ARE WINNERS

*Opening ceremony, Beijing style. A giant helium dragon was a feature of the opening ceremony ... and so was the giant ball.*

**THE 11th Asian Games, staged in Beijing and won by Iran, will be primarily remembered for the shadow of the Gulf crisis.**

The Kuwait team, out of the country at the time of the Iraq invasion, were therefore able to travel to China, but for several weeks the threat of a boycott hung over the championships, and pressure from the Gulf States lead to to Iraq's being banned from the games.

With India and Indonesia also dropping out, the original draw was abandoned, and new groups selected, two with four nations and two with three.

The Games will also be remembered for the way China dominated the medal table. Their soccer team, however, once again disappointed the fans and they could get no further than the quarter final stages.

China always had seen the Asian Games as a rehearsal for staging the Olympics and World Cup early in the next century, and despite the reluctance of the press to give any praise to the current Chinese government, the event was staged extremely well and drew some huge crowds.

The China-Thailand semi-final, for example was watched by 72,000 in the stadium and an estimated 500 million on TV.

Soccer fans planning to go the 2002 World Cup might think about booking their hotel rooms now!

### GROUP A

The announcement that the tournament would be redrawn was bad news for Singapore. Before the reshuffling they had looked to be in with a real chance of reaching the quarter-finals, but suddenly they found themselves in the same group as South Korea and China.

Two heavy defeats, 7-0 to Korea and 5-1 against the hosts, left dreams shattered.

There was another big score when South Korea put seven past Pakistan and even Singapore got into the act in their final game when they blasted Pakistan 6-1. Sundramoorthy scored a hat-trick.

On the same night Korea and China met in what most people felt would be a rehearsal for the final. China, resting several of their players, conceded two second-half goals, both scored by Seo Jung Won.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **S.Korea** | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 16-0 | 6 |
| **China** | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8-3 | 4 |
| **Singapore** | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7-13 | 2 |
| **Pakistan** | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1-16 | 0 |

### GROUP B

North Korea drew with Malaysia and went into the final match knowing that only a 4-0 defeat could cause them to miss the next round.

Although Bayani-Ashtiani and Farshad Pyrus scored for Iran, a goal from Kim Yun Chol narrowed the gap and kept their quarter-final spot safe.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Iran** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5-1 | 4 |
| **N.Korea** | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1-2 | 1 |
| **Malaysia** | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-3 | 1 |

### GROUP C

Thailand, eventually the surprise team of the tournament, started with a disappointing draw against Yemen. Their next game was against an under-strength Hong Kong side, and the Thais did much better.

Boonpleek Nounoi opened up the scoring early in the second half, goalkeeper Kampiam pushed aside a poorly struck penalty, and Vitoon scored the clinching second goal.

Kuwait, cheered all the way by a small but noisy group of supporters, started with a win over Hong Kong. They then outplayed Yemen in a match in which they were unlucky not to do better than 0-0. They still needed at least a point to secure a spot in the next round, but lost 2-1 to Thailand. Fortunately, however, their passage to the quarter finals was finally secured when Hong Kong beat Yemen.

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| **Thailand** | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4-1 | 5 |
| **Kuwait** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3-3 | 3 |
| **Hong Kong** | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3-4 | 2 |
| **Yemen** | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0-2 | 2 |

### GROUP D

Saudi Arabia and Japan both beat the third nation, Bangladesh, and so had their semi-final places confirmed before they met. Fahad Albishi and Khalid Almuwallid scored the goals that kept the Saudi's 100 per cent record.

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| **Saudi Arabia** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6-0 | 4 |
| **Japan** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3-2 | 2 |
| **Bangladesh** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0-7 | 0 |

**QUARTER FINALS Thailand 1 China 0; South Korea 1 Kuwait 0; Iran 1 Japan 0; North Korea 0 Saudi Arabia 0 (4-3 on penalties).**

**SEMI-FINALS Iran 1 South Korea 0 (extra time); North Korea 1 Thailand 0.**

**THIRD PLACE South Korea 1 Thailand 0**

**FINAL Iran 0 North Korea 0 (4-1 on penalties)**

The riot police were called out after unfashionable Thailand pulled off the first big surprise of the tournament by beating China. It could not have happened at a worst moment for the hosts, as this was a public holiday.

The capacity crowd were stunned when teenage midfielder Prasert Changmool scored for Thailand in the 55th minute. The goal came against the run of play, after China had missed half a dozen good opportunities.

The other favourites, South Korea, had to struggle against a Kuwait team happy to defend for most of the game, but a goal from Gu Sang Bum saw them through.

Iran outplayed Japan, but were not convincing in their 1-0 win, while North Korea and Saudi failed to produce a goal in 120 minutres.

The Koreans won the penalty shoot-out 4-3: the knockout stage of the tournament produced only six goals in eight games.

China's surprise defeat was followed in the next round by the exit of the other favourites and 1986 winners, South Korea. They dominated most of the game against Iran but in extra time the Arabic side sprang to life.

Eventually a corner was not cleared, the ball fell to Ghayeghran, and he chipped his shot past the keeper.

## Power

North Korea secured their place in the final with a goal from Yun Jong Su, which was just enough to overcome Thailand.

They had two key players suspended for the last game and lost the bronze medal 1-0, to South Korea. Kwan Hwang Bo scored the goal and Seo Jung Won, who generally enjoyed a good tournament, had the kind of day where nothing would go right. One goal was ruled offside and he had a penalty saved.

So the final brought North Korea up against Iran. Back in the 1970s Iran had been the strongest soccer power outside Europe and South America, but since then war, revolution and Islamic fever had destroyed the heart of the game.

Since returning to international sport the team made ground with surprising speed, but are probably not yet a match for third world rivals Egypt or Cameroon.

North Korea would have to go back even further, to 1966, to find their last major achievement.

Certainly this was never likely to be a classic match. Iran were noted for their rough tackling and solid defence, while the Koreans had not looked impressive. In addition North Korean teams had the reputation of losing control if decisions went against them.

At least nothing happened to disgrace the final, but it was a dull and lifeless game.

Even the sending off of O Yong Nam, one of the best players on the field, did not inspire Iran to push forward. He was booked for time-wasting, and Iran players then pointed out to the referee that he had been booked in the first half, leaving the official with no choice but to send him off.

So the game moved into extra time and then to penalties, with goalkeeper Ahadreze Abedzadeh making himself the hero of the day by saving the first two Korean kicks.

It was the kind of match that makes you grateful for penalties – not only are you finally going to see the ball in the net, but anything is better than having to sit through a replay.

Still, it was Iran's first victory in a major tournament, and a sign, perhaps, that soccer in that part of the world is recovering.

**PREVIOUS RESULTS OF ASIAN GAMES FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS**

| YEAR | WINNERS | SECOND | THIRD | FOURTH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1951 | India | Iran | Japan | Afghanistan |
| 1954 | Taiwan | South Korea | Burma | Indonesia |
| 1958 | Taiwan | South Korea | Indonesia | India |
| 1962 | India | South Korea | Malaysia | South Vietnam |
| 1966 | Burma | Iran | Japan | Singapore |
| 1970 | Burma and South Korea | (joint winners) | India | Japan |
| 1974 | Iran | Israel | Malaysia | North Korea |
| 1978 | South Korea and North Korea | (joint winners) | China | Iraq |
| 1982 | Iraq | Kuwait | Saudi Arabia | India |
| 1986 | South Korea | Saudi Arabia | Kuwait | Indonesia |
| 1990 | Iran | North Korea | South Korea | Thailand |

*Star choice ... Kim Joo Sung of South Korea topped the poll.*

# Short cut to success

**THE top player at the Asian games, according to a vote by the sporting press, was South Korea's Joo Sung.**

He is famous for his long hair, but amazed the fans when he appeared in Beijing with a crew cut.

Sung already had been voted Asian Player of the Year for 1989.

**The full All-Star XI was: Kim Chi On (NK), Hong Myuang Bo (SK), Park Kyung Hoon (SK), Chong Yong Man (NK), Motaba Moharrami (Iran), Yun Jong Suu (NK), Joo Sung (SK), Wie Yuxin (China), Fahad Albishi (Saudi), Farshad Pyrus (Iran), Prasert Changmol (Thai).**

At least two of the coaches who took teams to Beijing are struggling to keep their jobs.

After China went out to Thailand hundreds of fans gathered outside the National Stadium to call for the sacking of Gao Fengwen. With local papers also calling for reform it seems unlikely that Gao will stay in charge after his contract runs out.

He already has had one major escape, retaining his position despite the fact that China missed a place in the World Cup finals. At that time the prospect of the Asian Games persuaded the authorities to avoid any drastic changes.

But with no major commitments until the start of the Olympic qualifying tournament this now seems the time to look for a new man.

## President

The last Chinese coach to lose his job was Nian Weisi, after China lost to Hong Kong in a vital World Cup game back in 1985. It hardly affected his career – Nian is now president of the Chinese Football Association.

South Korea have no such reputation for mercy when it comes to managers, and few people would gamble on Park Jong Hwan keeping his position after the semi-final defeat to Iran.

The press, generally critical of his tactics, were even more upset when he refused to attend the customary post-match conference.

Cha Bum Keun, a veteran of ten years in Germany, would be most people's favourite for the position. His name was mentioned in connection with the job after South Korea's disappointing World Cup performance but he was reported to have turned the post down. If asked again he might find it more difficult to refuse.

The Asian Games motto, Unity, Friendship, Progress, seems to have had an impact in Korea. During the games North and South Korea arranged for two friendly football matches to be played later this year, the first meetings between the teams outside World Cup qualifying rounds.



**NEWS FROM ASIA**

**By Paul Moon**

# The 44-minute final

**EAST BENGAL won the Indian FA Shield after a final that lasted only 44 minutes.**

**The game had been goalless for that length of time, until Kuljit Singh shot past the Mohammedan Sporting goalkeeper, Yusuf Ansari.**

**He and his colleagues protested that the goal should be disallowed for offside, but referee Pradip Neg would not listen. Eventually Mohammedan's players left the pitch, and the referee allowed them 15 minutes in which to return. They still refused to do so, and the match was abandoned.**

**The committee responsible for the shield – India's biggest soccer event – held an emergency meeting on the following day, and then announced that the score would count as a result as if 90 minutes had been layed.**

**So East Bengal were awarded the trophy.**

**In the semi-final they had scraped through 3-2 against the youngsters from the Tata Fotball Academy, who fell behind to a goal by Kuljit Singh but hit back to lead 2-1, both brilliant efforts from Tauseef Jamal.**

**Krishanu Dey equalised, and with extra time seeming a certainty Kuljit Singh beat goalkeeper Kausar Ahmed to a cross and forced the ball in for the decider.**

**In the other semi-final, League champions Mohun Bagan surprisingly lost 2-0 to Mohammedan Sporting.**

**Nigerian striker Chibuzor scored the first goal early in the second half, and Abid Imam added the second near the end.**

**Both matches were sportingly contested, which made the uproar in the final all the more surprising. As a result, Sporting have been banned from competitive soccer until January, and five players given severe warnings.**

**The IFA Shield was started soon after the IFA came into being in 1893. For many years it was dominated by British teams, with various military units winning it 31 times and European civilian outfits winning it on 13 occasions.**

**In more recent times East Bengal have been the most successful club, winning three times in succession 1949-51, and five in a row between 1972 and 1976.**

# *Ironside's the ace*

**THE New Zealand side can be entitled to feel quiet satisfaction after three wins from five encounters with Soviet club side Lokomotiv Moscow and the China national squad.**

Lokomotiv twice had to reply upon late goals – firstly to salvage a draw in Auckland and then to snatch a win in Christchurch.

Between these games there was a well-deserved 2-1 victory for the All Whites, at Wellington's Basin Reserve.

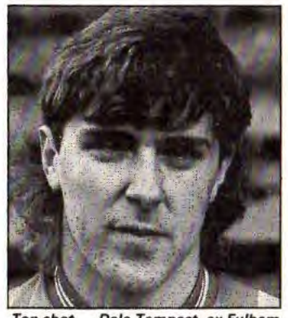
All three New Zealand goals in the series were scored by Robert Ironside, a powerful midfielder who indicated that he would not be out of place in several European first divisions.

Lokomotiv, with veteran linkman Yuri Gavrilov dominant in the middle of the park, illustrated the gap between New Zealand and USSR at club level by demolishing Kiwi champions Napier City Rovers 5-0. Lokomotiv were relegated last season.

China recorded impressive wins over Otago and Taranaki provincial selections, but against New Zealand were let down by the weaknesses which traditionally dog Chinese soccer.

Neat build-up from midfield, pace in abundance on the wings and exquisite ball control were negated by feeble finishing and inability to compete in the air. All New Zealand's goals in their wins (2-1 at Wellington and 1-0 at Auckland) came through headers.

*Middle man ... Yuri Gavrilov was outstanding in New Zealand.*



*Top shot ... Dale Tempest, ex Fulham and Huddersfield, is now in Hong Kong.*

# HONG KONG JUGGLERS

**SEVERAL Hong Kong clubs have juggled players in the search for a new formula.**

One of the best signings looks to be that of Chris Galley, who was snapped up by Double Flower after Happy Valley let him go.

Happy Valley will be lining up for the season with Trevor Morgan and Tom English as their imported players.

Tim Bredbury, perhaps the best-known local player, has moved to Lai Sun to replace John Spencer. That move has in turn pushed out John McDermott, who will lead the Sing Tao attack.

Champions South China have signed John Hunter from Western Australia to pair with Dale Tempest. Hunter scored in the opening match of the season against Lai Sun but then had to finish his commitments with Floreat Athena in Australia.

Newly-promoted Martini also looked towards Australia, signing Gary Phillips and Emanuel Mavridis.

**AUSTRALIA proved superior to the best in South East Asia when winning the Independence Cup in Jakarta.**

Despite being wihout their European-based professionals, the Socceroos swept aside Malaysia (3-0) and Indonesia B (7-0) in their group games, before accounting for Thailand (2-0) and Indonesia A (3-0) in the semi-final and final respectively.

Aussie striker Andrew Zinni was tournament leading scorer with four goals.

NEWS FROM ASIA

By Paul Moon

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# Al Rayan tops in Qatar

**AL RAYAN, who won promotion a year ago, gained a remarkable double by taking Qatar's First Division championship.**

After supplementing their line-up with two Brazilians, Jose Nilson and Edward Matras, Al Rayan led for almost the entire season.

Eventually they merely needed to avoid a three-goal defeat in the last game, against 1989 Asian Champions' Cup winners Al Saad, to clinch the title. A three-goal victory by Al Saad would have enabled them to snatch the title, but they could only draw 0-0 and finished third.

They were equal on points alongside Al Ittihad, but had an inferior goal difference.

Apart from the Brazilian pair, Al Rayan's most influential player was veteran striker Mansour Muftah, League top scorer with five goals.

Curiously, the final of Qatar's premier knockout competition, the Emir's Cup, featured the First Division's bottom clubs, Al Arabi and Al Wakra.

Another Brazilian, Marco Antonio, made his presence felt with the two opening goals for Arabi, and Nasser Ibrahim clinched a 3-0 victory.

Al Wakra at least had the consolation of avoiding relegation, because the top section is being increased from seven teams to nine next season.

## ANSAR DOUBLE UP AGAIN

**ANSAR completed their second successive double when defeating Beirut rivals Safa 3-2 in the Lebanese Cup Final. They had earlier gone through the Lebanese League programme without defeat.**

The match was at Safa's home ground, which has the largest capacity of any stadium currently available in Lebanon, and drew a crowd of 43,000.

After both teams had created several unconverted chances, Fadi Alloush scored his sixth goal in four Cup games with a crisp header to put the champions ahead after 40 minutes.

Ibrahim Berjawi snatched another for Ansar two minutes later, capitalising upon a defensive blunder, and the game appeared to be over as a contest.

Mohamed Mortada, however, pulled one back just before half-time, and four minutes after the break Sami Arbid equalised with a curving shot from outside the penalty area.

At that stage Safa definitely held the initiative, only for sweeper Hassan Ayyoub to deflect the ball past his goalkeeper in the 53rd minute.

Sofa had far more possession during the remainder of the game, but found a third goal beyond them.

## GOLD IN A GOOD CAUSE

**SPONSORS of soccer tournaments take many shapes, but few could have had a more noble purpose than the backers of the Ma-o-Moni ("Mother and Child") Gold Cup in Bangladesh.**

The tournament was promoted by a United States Government aid project to publicise its nationwide immunisation programme, and involved eight Dhaka League sides and six leading clubs from the provinces.

Predictably, the capital's perennial rivals, Abahani and Mohammadan Sporting, met in the final, and Sporting won 1-0 through Nakib's goal.

Mohammadan already had won the Federation Cup, while Abahani captured the Independence Cup and Dhaka League title.

## YOUNGSTERS ON RIGHT ROAD

**IF innovation alone was the key to success in international soccer, India would be assured of a bright future.**

Three years ago the Indian Football Federation established the Tata Football Academy, accommodating promising players between 12 and 17 from all parts of the nation.

As well as receiving free board and a small allowance, the boys all complete their formal education at schools in the area, and are supplied with playing kit, street clothing and medical treatment.

They have some of the best training facilities and coaching expertise available in India, and occasionally the brightest prospects also gain experience abroad. Five recently had a stint with Sao Paulo in Brazil.

TFA field a team in the Jamshedpur Senior League and several of the many invitational tournaments which fill the Indian domestic calendar.

Results had been indifferent before the recently completed season, but in the 1989 IFA Shield, held over until this year, the Academy battled into the final and then lost only by a single goal to Mohun Bagan.

Satyajit Chatterjee scored the decider after 34 minutes.

## HEIDELBERG ARE BACK

**VICTORIA'S Heidelberg United are back in Australia's National Soccer League after three years.**

They won a play-off series that also involved Adelaide Hellas and Brisbane Lions, champions of the South Australian and Queensland leagues.

Heidelberg finished the round robin series with the same number of points as Hellas, but had a much superior goal difference.

At least Hellas had the small consolation of a well-deserved break. Due to the national competition and the state leagues being staged at different times of the year, they have been playing non-stop since March 1989.

Since then, they have won promotion from the 1989 South Australian State League (in which they participated from March to October 1989), been relegated from the 1989-90 NSL (November 1989 to March 1990) and won the 1990 State League (March-October 1990).

## STALLIONS WIN BY A NOSE

**NADROGA, known as the Coral Coast Stallions, retained the Fijian National League title – but only after a close race.**

Ba and Nadroga went into the final round equal on points, with Lautoka a point adrift. Midway through that last afternoon, the title appeared to be destined for Ba, who led Nadi 1-0 at half-time, while Nadroga were being held to a goallless draw by Labassa.

But the Labasssa defence crumbled in the second half, conceding three goals, and Nadroga finished ahead of Ba on goal difference.

The Stallions then went into Fiji's oldest and still most prestigious tournament, the Inter Districts Championship, as favourites, but lost on penalties to Suva in the semi-finals.

Suva were then matched with Nasinu, a district association formed only 14 years ago, with senior status only since 1985 and without any major honours. In contrast, Suva had been IDC champions 11 times.

History certainly favoured Suva but they never really settled down against enthusiastic opponents, and a Tomu Vania goal after 48 minutes was sufficient to give Nasinu victory.

## AUCKLAND'S SHIELD

**A DISPUTED last-minute goal enabled Auckland to beat Canterbury 2-1 at Christchurch and regain the Winfield Shield.**

Canterbury players claimed that goalkeeper Alan Stroud had been fouled as he attempted to collect the centre that Noel Barkley headed in. Referee Ron Gallon was unmoved by the protests, and only paused on his trot back to the centre circle to book Stroud for dissent.

Michael Ridenton opened the scoring for Auckland just before half-time, and John Hanson equalised shortly after the break.

Christchurch United, third in the Air New Zealand National League and runners-up in the Chatham Cup, ended the club season on a high note when winning the Premier Series, involving the top five finishers.

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*Jubilant Olimpia after winning the Libertadores Cup against Barcelona of Ecuador.*

# MOVE OVER, MILAN!

## Olimpia want to be back on top of the world

**By ERIC WEIL**

MILAN can become the first European side to successfully defend the World Club Cup if they beat Olimpia of Asuncion in Tokyo on December.

But the Paraguayans are confident they will not fail where Nacional of Colombia slipped up last year.

They believe that, as Paraguay's oldest club and record champions, history is on their side.

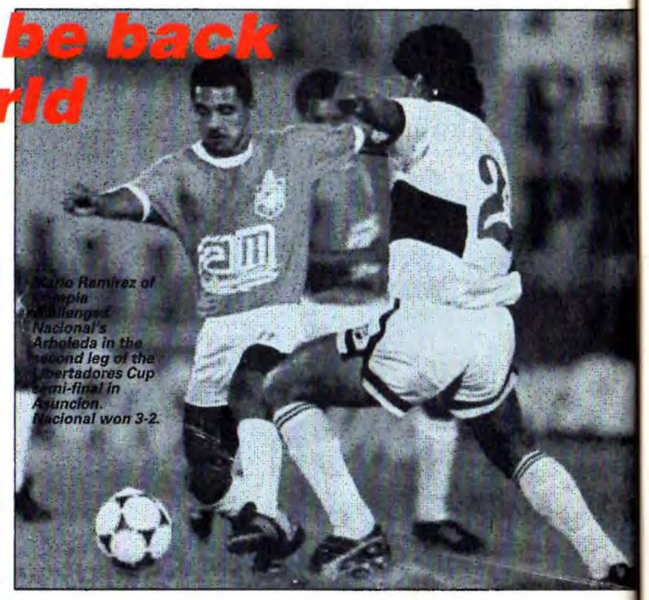
Olimpia were founded on July 25 1902, in the capital, by a group of pupils who had learnt to play soccer under the school's PT instructor. A Dutchman, William Paats had brought the first football to Paraguay a year earlier. The name Olimpia was marginally preferred over Paraguay and Sparta.

Olimpia were founder members of the first league in 1906 when they finished runners-up to Guarani. They won the title for the first time in 1912 and since then have outstripped the rest to take a total of 32 titles – well ahead of this year's champions, Cerro Porteno (21).

Olimpia are the only Paraguayan club to have won the South American club championship – twice, in 1979 and again this year – as well as the Inter-American Cup (1980) and the World Club Cup (1979) once each. They were losing finalists (to Penarol) in the inaugural Libertadores Cup in 1960 and again last year and have, of course, been regular competitors as their country's champions or vice-champions ever since.

While taking a hat-trick of league titles twice (1927-9 and 1936-8), they won it five times in a row between 1956 and 1960 and then topped this with six wins from 1978 onwards. It was during this latter area that Olimpia first hit the headlines internationally by winning the World Libertadores and Inter-American cups. Actually, in winning the second trophy they did not face the European champions, Nottingham Forest, who withdrew from the annual clash and were replaced by losing finalists Malmo of Sweden.

Nevertheless, the club had perhaps their strongest ever team then.



*Mario Ramirez of Olimpia challenges Nacional's Arboleda in the second leg of the Libertadores Cup semi-final in Asuncion. Nacional won 3-2.*

In the 1979 Libertadores final they beat Argentina's Boca Juniors over two legs and their line-up was the same in both matches: Almeida, Solalinde, Paredes, Gimenez, Piazza, Torres, Kiese, Talavera, Isasi, Villalba and Aquino with Guasch coming on as a substitute in the second leg.

The architect of this team was veteran midfielder Hugo Talavera

But, as generally happens, the country's leading players soon emigrate. The players can earn so much more elsewhere – even in neighbouring Argentina – and the clubs badly need the transfer fees to keep going.

But Olimpia have the best junior team policy and organisation in the country which enables them to always stay on top, at least in their own country. It also explains why Olimpia rarely, if ever, field foreign players. Their present squad is entirely composed of Paraguayans except for long-serving goalkeeper Ever Almeida, who was born in Uruguay, but has been with the club all his football life.

Olimpia are also an all-sports club, competing in basketball, volleyball, athletics, tennis, boxing, table tennis, field hockey, swimming, handball, chess, etc.

Their Estadio Manuel Ferreira holds 40,000, but big matches are played at the national stadium, the Estadio Defensores del Chaco which holds 60,000. Olimpia's colours are white with a thick black stripe (hoop) around their jersey.

This year Olimpia failed to retain their domestic first division title. They fielded reserves on a number of occasions to rest players for the Libertadores Cup and, in the final rounds of the local championship, went out to Libertad in the semi-finals. They had lost one outstanding player, international striker Gustavo Neffa who, still in his teens, was transferred to Italy's Cremonese before the season started.

This year's Libertadores Cup campaign started badly for Olimpia whose stadium was closed by the South American Federation after their first game, a 2-1 victory over Cerro Porteno, following incidents after the game when a linesman was knocked out by a stone thrown from the stands.

This was followed by two more 'home' wins over Brazilian rivals Gremio (1-0) and Vasco da Gama (2-1) in which Olimpia were lucky in that their winners came in the final minutes. And although they won none of their remaining (away) games – 2-3 v Cerro Porteno, 2-2 v Gremio, 0-1 v Vasco da Gama – they managed to win their group by a point.

Olimpia were lucky again to have a bye in the second round due to the withdrawal of Colombian teams (apart from defending champions Nacional) and then they were strengthened by the return of striker Raul Amarila who, after playing with Barcelona (Spain) and America (Mexico), became a free agent and signed for his old club.

*Olimpia parade the Libertadores Cup.*

Amarilla arrived too late to play in the competition's first round and domestic championship. His return resulted in a claim by Nacional (Colombia) that Olimpia broke the rule forbidding clubs to sign players specially for the Libertadores Cup, but the confederation dismissed the complaint.

Amarilla certain made his presence felt when he scored twice in the last seven minutes to give Olimpia a 2-0 win in their third round home leg against Chile's Universidad Catolica. The second leg, in Santiago, was a 4-4 thriller which put the Paraguayans through to the semifinals on aggregate to face Colombian holders, Nacional in a replay of last year's final.

Last year Nacional had taken the trophy on post-match penalties with goalkeeper Higuita their hero. This year Olimpia gained revenge in the same way after winning 2-1 away, but losing 3-2 at home to tie the aggregate. They had to show their fighting spirit when 3-1 down and Luis Monzon equalised the aggregate only three minutes from the end. Higuita was once again Nacional's hero when he saved three penalties, but it was not good enough.

Olimpia players were better shots and goalkeeper Almeida also made three saves.

The final against unfancied Barcelona of Ecuador was an anti-climax to a protest-riddled competition as Olimpia won 2-0 at home and drew 1-1 away. Amarilla netted the second-leg equaliser when Olimpia were under pressure to retain a one-goal aggregate lead.

There are links with the past in this year's squad,coached by Uruguayan Luis Cubilla, who was also in charge when Olimpia won the cup in 1979, then left the club and returned. And, incidentally, in his playing days he lined up for Penarol and scored the goal with which the Uruguayan club beat Olimpia in the first Libertadores Cup final in 1960.

Goalkeeper Almeida, the oldest member of the squad at 42, was also a regular in the 1979 cup winning team while Jorge Guasch, then an 18-year-old reserve, and a substitute in the second leg, is today's captain.

This year's team played 12 matches in the Libertadores Cup, winning six, drawing three and losing three with a 22-17 goals record. Most of their goals – all but four in fact – were scored by Adriano Samaniego (7), Amarilla (6) and Monzon (5) who also finished as the three top scorers in this year's competition.

Olimpia are not tied down to strict tactics. They believe in improvisation and opportunism and are good at making the best of their rivals' mistakes.

### STAR MEN

Ever Almeida (goal, 42 years): Has spent his entire career with the club and is believed to be the player to have taken part in most Libertadores Cups (16), also when Olimpia first won the trophy in 1979.

Remigio Fernandez (24): Tough defender who does not care about fouling rivals and does not squirm when fouled. Intelligent, good ball controller and head, but a little slow.

Mario Ramirez (25): Newcomer this year and a good prospect. A strong header and good marker.

Fermin Balbuena (28): A key man in the middle, untiring worker with good physique.

Jorge Guasch (29): The captain and a long-time regular.

Adolfo Jara Heyn (33): Another veteran midfielder, who generally locks up the right side.

Gabriel Gonzalez (29): A stalwart in attack, strong but small with speed and control.

Luis Monzon (20): One of the outstanding young players in the club, sound in defence where he marks well, but also dangerous with a good shot.

Raul Amarilla (30): Experienced and dangerous striker who is a born leader and leading scorer.

Vidal Sanabria (23): A midfield reserve.

Adriano Samaniego (27): Ever-present striker, strong and fast, leading scorer in this year's Libertadores Cup.

Cristobal Cubilla (28): Son of the coach, Luis Cubilla, and a useful substitute in midfield.

### MAJOR HONOURS

Paraguayan first division titles – 32: 1912, 1914, 1916, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1947, 1948, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1965, 1968, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1988, 1989.
Libertadores Cup wings – 2: 1079, 1990.
Inter-American Cup wins – one: 1980 (corresponding to 1979).
Europe-South America Cup wins – one: 1979.

## Vasco and Nacional lose the protest vote

FROM the day Brazil's Vasco da Gama were successful in getting their South American quarter-final against holders Nacional replayed the protests never stopped – although Nacional won again in the replay to reach the semi-finals.

Vasco's protest was successful because there apparently had been death threats and a bribery attempt against the referee.

No wonder Argentina's River Plate tried the same protest trick when they were surprisingly knocked out by Ecuador's Barcelona in the semi-finals as mentioned in last month's World Soccer.

River Plate's claim that they had received a letter alleging that the referee had been bribed and also that there had been irregularities regarding a penalty during the second leg in Guayaquil, while a Barcelona player carried a corkscrew to stick into rivals, never looked serious and the South American Confederation rightly threw it out.

At the same time, Nacional, forced to play home legs on neutral ground, also threatened to withdraw. Colombia had been banned, from staging Libertadores Cup matches by the Confederation following the annulled Nacional-Vasco da Gama match in Medellin and the Colombian club said it could not afford to continue in the competition as it was losing too much money by playing home legs on neutral ground.

Nacional relented and played in Chile in spite of the cost yet when they lost to Olimpia in the semifinals – only 2-1 on post-match penalties after a 4-4 aggregate – they again protested. The reason this time was Paraguayan international Raul Amarilla.

Amarilla, a prolific goal scorer, formerly with Spain's Barcelona, was transferred to Mexico's America but through an arrangement with Barcelona became the owner of his own contract in July.

With this he returned to Paraquay to sign for Olimpia, but by the time his clearance certificate arrived the deadline for registering players in the local championship had expired. He could therefore not play in the local first division and only in the latter stages of the Libertadores Cup, in which he scored six vital goals in as many matches.

Libertadores Cup rules state that clubs are not allowed to sign players exclusively for this tournament. There seemed grounds for a protest, but it was dismissed.

In view of what had gone before, the final was incident free and without protests. Olimpia won the trophy for the second time with a clearcut victory over Barcelona (2-0 at home and 1-1 away), the surprise finalists who are the first team from Ecuador to reach that stage.

The 1990 competition will be remembered for its protests, but not for its soccer. The favourites all fell by the wayside such as Argentine champions River Plate and compatriots Independiente, Brazilian champions Vasco da Gama and holders Nacional of Colombia.

In the 82 matches 184 goals were scored (2.24 per game) with Olimpia's Adriano Samaniego finishing as top scorer with seven goals.

*Vasco in action in the Brazilian league.*

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# THE STARS SHINE AGAIN

**From Colin Jose**

**SAME AGAIN was the summing-up as far as the Canadian championship is concerned**

Vancouver Stars won for the third time in succession, hapless Hamilton Steelers finished runners-up for the fourth time in succession.

Hamilton, who lost to Calgary in 1987, were in with a chance during the latest final for about one minute, when Domazetis equalised Dominic Mobilio's opening goal.

After that it was a procession, and only Dino Perri's saves kept the margin down to 6-1.

John Catliff scored three goals, and Dale Mitchell and Ivor Evans got the others.

Vancouver also won the revived North American Championship, contested for the first time since before World War Two.

They scored a late decider to win 3-2 against the US Professional League champions, Maryland Bays, in Burnaby.

The Bays won the Northern Division, then eliminated Tampa Bay and defending champions Fort Lauderdale Strikers to take the overall title.

This put them into the national final against San Francisco Bay Blackhawks, winners of the Western League, with Maryland winning 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

There are now plans to make the match between the champions of Canada and the USA into an annual event.

Montreal Supra goalkeeper Pat Harrington was named the CSL's Player of the Year, while Roy Wiggemansen, also from the Supra, won awards as both coach and general manager.

The CSL All-Star team comprised goalkeeper Harrington, defenders Patrick Diotte (Montreal), Edinho (Toronto), Allan Evans (Victoria), and Ian Bridge (Victoria), midfielders Michael Araujo (Montreal), Lyndon Hooper (Toronto) and Ivor Evans (Vancouver), and strikers Mobilio, Catliff and Paul Peschisolido (Toronto).

Catcliff led the scorers with 19, followed by Mobilio and Peschisolido with 13 each.

The CSL now look ahead to a decidedly uncertain 1991.

Attendances were down again this year and three of the 11 teams – Winnipeg, London and Ottawa – are in serious trouble.

Partway through the season the League took over the running of the Ottawa franchise, London struggled badly at the gate and on the field, while the Winnipeg players had to wait for their final pay cheques.

The same problems continue to plague Canadian soccer – attendances and distances. There is not likely to be any improvement at the gate in the foreseeable future, and travel difficulties are likely to be compounded when Nova Scotia Clippers join the League, adding thousands more miles to the travel bills.

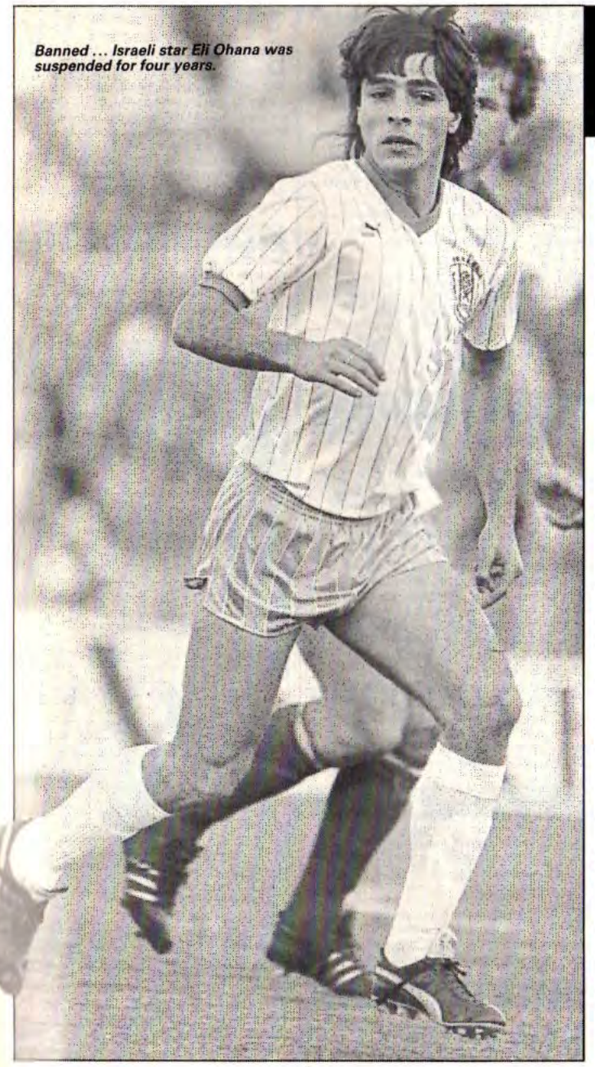
Winnipeg must sell 1,500 season tickets for 1991 in order to survive, after losing 280,000 dollars in four years. They barely averaged 1,000 paying customers per game in 1990.

"If we don't make it, it's unlikely the CSL will make it either," said marketing manager Martyn Daly.

The loss of the Winnipeg franchise would be more serious than if either or both London and Ottawa were to fold, for it would leave the west with only three teams, Victoria, Vancouver and Edmonton. On the other hand the east could operate with teams in Toronto, North York, Hamilton, Kitchener, Montreal and Halifax.

Toronto lost to Kitchener in the eastern play-offs, and coach Tony Taylor was fired. Taylor, coach of Canada's national team two years ago, subsequently accepted a job as assistant coach at Bristol City.

John McGrane, coach of Kitchener Spirit, has resigned, saying that commuting from his home in Hamilton resulted in his spending too much time away from his family.



*Banned ... Israeli star Eli Ohana was suspended for four years.*

# TWO BACK, ONE STILL BARRED

**THE Israeli FA are going to forgive two of the three international objectors suspended from the national squad.**

**Ronny Rosenthal, Shalom Tikva and Eli Ohana were suspended six months ago after they refused to play against the Soviets.**

**They did not agree with the FA about insurance, and in the end they did not go on the pitch.**

**A couple of days later they were fined and suspended – Tikva for two years, Rosenthal for 2½ and Ohana for four. But now the two national managers, Itzhak Shneor and Yaacov Grundman, suggest that Rosenthal and Tikva ask for amnesty.**

**According to a newspaper, Ohana isn't included in the plan, because he had some conflicts with both bosses.**

**The three internationals have all tried English soccer. Rosenthal is with Liverpool, Ohana had trials with Nottingham Forest but was injured, and Tikva had a spell at Luton.**

## UNCONVINCING CONTRACTORS

**ARAB Contractors, winners of the African Cup-Winners' Cup in 1982 and 1983, have qualified for next season's tournament by winning the Egyptian F.A. Cup.**

**But any hopes of further glory in the continent wide competition in the near future appear to be baseless.**

**Contractors are only a shadow of the team they were seven years ago and their latest success was due primarily to all competing clubs being deprived of their internationals, in Europe for the World Cup.**

**The Big Two – Al Ahly and Zamalek – were weakened by nine and six absentees respectively. Not surprisingly, for the first time neither Cairo giant appeared in the final.**

**Suez's progress owed much to a succession of home draws and the great advantage they derive when playing in front of their own fans.**

**Suez were watched by 51,000 largely unsympathetic spectators at Cairo's Nasser Stadium, in their first final for quarter of a century.**

**They should have presented Contractors with few problems but the once-irresistible force made heavy weather of it.**

**With veteran captain Nasser Mohammed Ali, only survivor from 1983, continually stretching the Suez back four, Contractors often threatened a goal avalanche, but had to rely on a dreadful blunder 13 minutes from time to sneak a 2-1 win.**

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### OBITUARY

**ALBERTO DA COSTA PEREIRA: Star goalkeeper of Benfica and Portugal in the early 1960s, who has died in Lisbon age 60. Costa Pereira was born in Nacala, Mozambique, on December 23, 1929. In his youth he was a local star at not only soccer but also basketball and athletics. However, once he had concentrated on soccer he earned a reputation which, at 24 in 1954, earned a one-way ticket for a transfer to Benfica. At his best Costa Pereira was as lithe and secure as any goalkeeper in the world; but he was also prone to erratic offdays. His greatest achievements were major contributions to Benfica's Champions' Cup victories over Barcelona in 1961 and over Real Madrid in 1962.**
**His luck began to run out when Benfica lost the Champions' Cup finals of 1963 to Milan and 1965 to Inter. The last defeat was the saddest: midway through the game, played on a quagmire in San Siro, Costa Pereira was injured and had to leave the pitch. A year later, overlooked for the World Cup, he retired. Costa Pereira coached Braga then CUF Barreiro before quitting soccer altogether to work for a computer company. His domestic career added up to seven league titles, three Portuguese cups and 22 caps for his country.**

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

**ARGENTINA:** New Argentina manager Coco Basile says he hopes to persuade Maradona to abandon ideas of a national team retirement.

**FRANCE:** Trouble among the national team squad over the return to duty of Luis Fernandez. He was just a substitute for the game against Czechoslovakia and says: "If Platini wants me for the next match I will ask for guarantees of a game. At my age I have no desire to join the squad just to spend the majority of my time sitting on the bench."

**ITALY:** Andrea Carnevale says Roma forced him originally into a total denial of having taken any drugs. He says: "At my time of life, a one-year ban is too hard. It's not fair. I'm not like Ben Johnson. Now that was real doping." Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, a known Roma fans, says he hopes everything will be resolved at the appeal hearing because "they are both good lads."

**UNITED STATES:** The USSF agrees a major sponnsorship deal with Budweiser to help secure financing for the national team programme leading up to the World Cup.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

**ACTION:** In the European under-21 championship Poland win 1-0 away to England, Romania beat Bulgaria 1-0, Austria thrash Liechtenstein 10-0 and Portugal draw 0-0 with Holland.

**BELGIUM:** Mechelen's unsettled Israeli striker Eli Ohana agrees personal terms for a transfer to Braga of Portugal.

**HOLLAND:** Feyenoord end the row with Dinamò Bucharest over the transfer of loan Sabau by agreeing to top up the fee by an extra £130,000.

**ITALY:** Roma president Dino Viola asks the Italian federation to clear Carnevale and Peruzzi in the UEFA Cup against Valencia pending hearing of their doping case appeals ... Cesena buy Brazil midfielder Silas from Espanal of Montevideo, where he has been playing on loan from Sporting Lisbon.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

**ACTION:** A major day for European championship matches: England beat Poland 2-0, Hungary draw 1-1 with Italy, Northern Ireland are held 1-1 by Denmark, Portugal beat Holland 1-0, The Irish Republic thrash Turkey 5-0, Romania crash 3-0 at home to Bulgaria, Scotland scrape a 2-1 win over Switzerland and Wales beat Belgium 3-1 ... in a friendly, Chile and Brazil draw 0-0 in Santiago ... the Soviet Union wrap up the 1990 European under-21 title when they beat Yugoslavia 3-1 in the second leg of the final for a 7-3 aggregate ... in the current European under-21 campaign San Marino lose 3-0 at home to Denmark ... in Zagreb a Croatia XI defeat the United States 2-1.

**EGYPT:** Mahmoud El-Gohari is dismissed as national manager, despite the (comparative) World Cup success, as a consequence of the previous week's six-goal thrashing by Greece.

**GREECE:** OFI beat Aris 1-0 to take over at the top of the table, since Panathinaikos' game against Olympiakos' match in postponed.

**ITALY:** Diego Maradona, to the surprise of the media, returns to Naples early after his sudden three-day holiday in Argentina.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

**ACTION:** Italy beat Hungary 1-0 in their European under-21/Olympic tie.

**FRANCE:** The crisis at Toulon continues with general manager Roland Courbis and secretary Eric Goiran still in custody following a fraud squad raid. League officials say they wish to talk to Marseille president Bernard Tapie about a £280,000 loan he made to Toulon. It was Marseille's 4-0 win over Toulon last season which helped clinch the championship.

**SPAIN:** The media is full of Real Madrid crisis talk. Coach John Toshack says: "We have played badly and in a disorganised way and, as coach, I'm the man to blame."

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

**BRAZIL:** Sports Minister Zico does an apparent about-turn. After once suggesting that the national team rely only on home-based players, he now criticises CBF president Ricardo Teixeira for imposing such a policy on new manager Paulo Roberto Falcao.

**FRANCE:** Monaco beat Toulouse 2-1 but Bordeaux crash 4-0 to Brest.

**HOLLAND:** PSV star Romario says he not want to play international football for Brazil for the time being while he gets over his disappointment "at not having been given a proper chance" at Italia'90.

**ITALY:** Sebastiao Lazaroni, now with Fiorentina, rejects claims by Brazilian confederation officials that internal strife was to blame for Brazil's World Cup failure. He says: "We lost because of our own mistakes on the pitch and because Diego Maradona was playing on the other side."

**SWITZERLAND:** UEFA say they are not prepared to suspend the doping ban imposed on Roma players Carnevale and Peruzzi while they await the outcome of their appeal ... International Olympic Committee sources suggest that soccer should toughen up its punishments for those found guilty of dope-taking.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

**ACTION:** FK Austria are held 1-1 at home by Tirol ... in Belgium Anderlecht cush champions Brugge 5-1 ... French champions Marseille lose 2-1 to Sochaux ... Jules Ellerman scores twice in PSV's 3-1 defeat of RKC in Holland ... Kiev Dynamo lose their last game of the domestic season 2-0 away to Ararat Yerevan but are still champions, three points clear of TSKA ... Spanish league leaders Barcelona beat Gijon 3-2 with two goals from Amor and a Koeman penalty ... Swedish champions Norrkoping beat Oesters Vaxjo 2-1 to reach the play-off final on the away goals rule (6-6 aggregate) ... Bayern Munich come bouncing back to the top of the table in West Germany thanks to a 6-1 walkover against Hamburg. Previous leaders Kaiserslautern go down 4-2 to Karlsruhe and have East German international Rainer Ernst sent off.

**BOLIVIA:** Former federation president Alfredo Salazar, former treasurer Jorge Romecin and former secretary Roland Montecinos are banned for life for offences of maladministration – including financial irregularities. Simultaneously the federation is revealed as £650,000 in the red.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

**ACTION:** In the Olympic qualifiers, Haiti and Cuba draw 1-1 in Port-au-Prince and Netherlands Antilles lose 1-0 at home in Curacao to Surinam ... in Albania, Partizani thrash Katrioti 6-2 to move within one point of leaders Flamurtari ... in Holland Ajax force a 0-0 draw at Utrecht and are now only one point clear of PSV, having played one game more ... Italy's most remarkable match of the season sees Aldo Serena score a hat-trick as Inter beat Pisa 6-3. Ruud Gullit scores his first league goal in 18 months in leaders Milan's 1-1 draw with Napoli ... Rosenborh Trondheim complete the Norwegian double as the new champions beat Fyllingen Bergen 5-1 in the cup final ... more problems for Real Madrid as they can only draw 0-0 away to Oviedo ... IFK Gothenburg qualify to face Norrkoping in the Swedish championship final after beating Orebro 2-1 (3-2 on agg) in the semi-final second leg.

**ROMANIA:** Steaua announce a ban until 1992 on any more transfers to the West. The army club announces basic monthly salaries of 175 dollars plus a training allowance of 250 dollars and a 250 dollar for each league point obtained.

**SOUTH KOREA:** The North Korean national squad arrives in the South for a return friendly match which is part of the gradual political rapprochement.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

**BELGIUM:** Mechelen midfielder Pascal De Wilde suffers serious facial and internal injuries in a car crash.

**ENGLAND:** Manchester United and Arsenal are both charged with bringing the same into disrepute in the wake of Saturday's brawl at Old Trafford.

**ITALY:** UEFA Cup contenders Bologna sack coach Franco Scoglio in the wake of their fifth defeat in six league games. Gigi Radice, former Milan, Roma and Torino coach, takes over just in time for the European confrontation with Hearts.

**WEST GERMANY:** Czechoslovak winger Ivo Knoflicek undergoes an operation on the elbow broken while playing at the weekend for St Pauli. He will be out of action for a month.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

**ACTION:** Bayern Munich beat CSKA Sofia 4-0 in the Champions' Cup; in the Cup-winners' Cup, Fram Reykjavik lose 2-1 at home to Barcelona and Manchester United beat Wrexham 3-0; in the UEFA Cup, Magdeburg go down 1-0 at home to Bordeaux ... in Seoul's Olympic stadium South Korea beat North Korea 1-0 with a goal from Hwang Sun-hong.

**BELGIUM:** Racing Genk sign United States forward Philip Gyau – the eighth US international to join a European club.

**BRAZIL:** Newspaper and TV stations dedicate major features to Pele on his 50th birthday. Crowds gather outside his homes in Guaruja near Santos and in Rio de Janeiro. Pele himself keeps out of sight – though in an interview in the Jornal do Brasil he denies reports that he will stand for President and says that, instead, he is considering an invitation to join the Americans' 1994 World Cup organising committee.

**ENGLAND:** Arsenal fine manager George Graham and five players (Limpar, Winterburn, Thomas, Rocastle and Davis) for their role in the Battle of Old Trafford. Graham is fined as the man responsible for maintaining discipline.

*Paolo Silas signs for Cesena.*

**ITALY:** Paolo Silas formally signs his one-year contract with Cesena as the club confirm that Sweden midfielder Hans Holmqvist is returning home to try to find a new club there.



**SOVIET UNION:** Kiev defender Anatoly Demianenko flies to West Germany for a trial with Stuttgart.

**WEST GERMANY:** Berti Vogts names this national squad for the European championship opener against Luxembourg: Aumann, Illgner; Berthold, Binz, Brehme, Helmer, Kohler, Reuter; Bein, Moller, Hassler, Matthaus, Knut Reinhardt, Strunz; Klinsmann, Riedle, Voller.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

**ACTION:** The second round first legs in European club competition. Milan and Napoli are held at home in the Champions' Cup while Real Madrid put nine past Tirol.

**BRAZIL:** National boss Falcao names his latest new-boys squad for the Pele 50th Birthday 'special' against the Rest of the World in Milan in a week's time. Squad: Sergio, Ronaldo; Gil Baiano, Paulao, Adilson, Cleber, Leonardo, Cassio; Cafu, Donizete, Cesar Sampaio, Bismarck, Neto; Valdeir, Charles, Rinaldo, Liuiz Henrique, Careca III.

**SCOTLAND:** Rangers' new signing from Kiev, Oleg Kuznetsov, is ruled out until the new year by the knee injury he suffered against St Johnstone at the weekend.

**SWITZERLAND:** UEFA formally introduce the six-man committee, headed by Dutch federation treasurer Jo Marle, to deal with the future of eastern European soccer.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Hajduk Split sign their first-ever foreigner, American World Cup defender Des Armstrong.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

**ACTION:** In the South American Supercup, Argentinos Juniors beat Flamengo 3-1 with gpoals from Coloccini, Perazzo and Cejas.

**ITALY:** Ruud Gullit is the latest to criticise the San Siro pitch, saying: "It's like trying to play football on an escalator."

**MOROCCO:** Werner Olk, one-time Bayern Munich defender, is appointed new manager of the Moroccan national team.

**POLAND:** In the Champions' Cup, Lech Poznan hit back from 1-0 down to defeat Marseille 3-2.

**PORTUGAL:** Alberto da Costa Pereira, Benfica's Champions' Cup-winning goalkeeper in 1961 and 1962, dies in Lisbon aged 60.

**SCOTLAND:** Rangers decide that Soviet defender Oleg Kuznetsov must go to the United States for further expert surgery on his damaged knee.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

**FRANCE:** Yuri Djorkaeff, son of the 1966 World Cup defender, transfers from Strasbourg to Monaco.

**ITALY:** Milan are revealed as having lost £10million last season – partly due to the enormous victory bonuses paid to their players.

**PORTUGAL:** FIFA vice-president Julio Grondona flies in to deny reports that problems are threatening Portugal's prospective staging of the World Youth Cup.

**SOVIET UNION:** National boss Anatoly Bishovets names a squad of 31 for advance preparations for the European championship clash against Italy.

**SWITZERLAND:** UEFA decide to set up a special committee to draw up guidelines so European soccer can cope with the satellite television revolution.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Predrag Spasic, despite having been dropped by Real Madrid, is named in Yugoslavia's European championship squad to face Austria.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

**ACTION:** In Spain Barcelona go down to their first defeat of the season, losing 2-1 away to a Bernd Schuster-inspired Atletico Madrid. Dutch defender Ronald Koeman suffers a complicated knee injury ... in Sweden the first leg of the championship play-off sees Norrkoping beaten 3-0 by IFK Gothenburg ... in France Auxerre win 1-0 away to Caen to maintain the top-of-the-table pressure on Marseille ... in West Germany goals from Wohlfarth, Laudrup, Effenberg and Kohler bring leaders Bayern Munich a 4-1 victory away to Eintracht Frankfurt.

**PORTUGAL:** Belenenses appoint Antonio Lopez as coach in succession to the dismissal Belgian, Henri Depireux.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Dinamo Zagreb turn down an offer from Pisa of Italy for the Costa Rican World Cup star Hernan Medford. Dinamo also have another Costa Rican, Ronald Gonzalez, under contract.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

**ACTION:** In the CONCACAF zone Olympic Games qualifiers, Cuba are held 2-2 at home by Haiti, who win on away goals (agg 3-3); Jamaica win 3-0 away to Puetro Rico (and 4-0 on aggregate); and St Lucia force a 3-3 away to Aruba and this progress on a 5-3 aggregate ... in Argentina River Plate win 1-0 away to Huracan to stay narrowly ahead of Rosario Central ... in Czechoslovakia Rude Hvezda Cheb win 1-0 at Olomouc to stay joint top with Slovan Bratislava ... in Italy Sampdoria go top by winning 1-0 against previous leaders Milan in San Siro ... in Holland the top-of-the-table battle is won by Ajax, who defeat PSV 3-1 ... in Spain Real Madrid are surprisingly beaten 2-1 in Burgos and thus miss the chance to narrow the gap on leaders Barcelona.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

**ACTION:** In the first leg of an Olympic Games qualifier, Antigua draw 0-0 with Barbados.

**ITALY:** Italy boss Azeglio Vicini includes uncapped Angelo Gregucci of Lazio and Moreno Mannini of Sampdoria in his European championship squad to face the Soviet Union.

**MEXICO:** Joaquin Soria Terrazas, former long-serving president of CONCACAF, dies in Mexico City aged 78.

**WEST GERMANY:** Eintracht Frankfurt coach Jorg Berger warns controversial keeper Uli Stein if he again insults his team-mates as he did on Saturday at half-time in the 4-1 defeat at home to Bayern Munich.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

**ACTION:** Luxembourg go down 3-0 to West Germany in their European under-21 qualifier. In another qualifier, Yugoslavia beat Austria 1-0 with a 56th-minute goal from Red Star's Vladimir Yugovic.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Banik Ostrava defender Ivo Stas flies to Birmingham for talks about a transfer to Aston Villa.

**ENGLAND:** United States World Cup forward John Harkes signs on loan until the end of the season for Sheffield Wednesday.

**FRANCE:** Controversial Bordeaux president Claude Bez claims that the club paid prostitutes, if asked, to 'attend' match referees for European competition games.

**ITALY:** A special appeals commission upholds the one-year ban inflicted on Roma stars Andrea Carnevale and Angelo Peruzzi after their failed dope tests ... Juventus back a capital increase from £17million to £35million to help offset the huge costs of the high-spending summer transfer market.

**SPAIN:** After a midnight meeting at the home of president Ramon Mendoza, John Toshack is confirmed as still in charge at Real Madrid ... after an operation to repair damaged knee ligaments, Barcelona's Ronald Koeman is told he will be out of the game for at least four months.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

**ACTION:** In the European qualifiers there are victories for Greece (4-0 v Malta), Hungary (4-2 v Cyprus), West Germany (3-2 v Luxembourg) and Yugoslavia (4-1 v Austria). In friendly internationals, Norway beat Cameroon 6-1 and Brazil lose 2-1 to a World XI in Pele's 50th Birthday Match ... in the European under-21 qualifeirs Sweden thrash Greece 5-0.

**PORTUGAL:** Benfica's 3-0 win over Gil Vicente lifts them to within one point of leaders Sporting.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Dinamo Zagreb announce a change of name to Croatia from the end of the season ... Red Star team officials and medical staff disagree about Dejan Savicevic's fitness to face Rangers in Glasgow. Team officials say he should play, the medical staff say he should stay home and rest.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**ENGLAND:** Coventry call off attempts to extend permanently the loan of Uruguayan midfielder Jose Perdomo, surplus to requirements at Genoa. Coventry and the player's advisers have failed to reach financial agreement.

**LUXEMBOURG:** Hooligan violence overnight after the European championship tie with West Germany led to the arrest of 30 German fans, with 12 others injured. Trouble outside the ground followed trouble before and during the game when fast food stands were wrecked and local fans showered with missiles.

**ROMANIA:** Gheorghe Constantinou resigns as national manager.

**SOUTH KOREA:** Federation officials confirm their interest in applying to stage the 2002 World Cup finals.

**SWITZERLAND:** FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter says that another new idea to be considered is reducing teams to ten-men each.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**BELGIUM:** Leaders Gent win 3-2 away to crisis club Beerschot.

**BRAZIL:** Brazil recall World Cup striker Bebeto for the forthcoming friendly against Chile. Bebeto has only recently returned to duty after aggravating a leg injury during the World Cup finals.

**EAST GERMANY:** Rot-Weiss Erfurt, one of the final season's surprises, are held 1-1 at home by Lokomotive Leipzig.

**FRANCE:** Bordeaux go down 2-1 at Rennes while Montpellier are held goalless at home by Caen.

**ITALY:** Genoa buy Brazil left back Branco from FC Porto and drop their protracted efforts to sign Soviet forward Igor Dobrovolski ... Juventus striker Pierluigi Casiraghi is ruled out for three months after operations on both dislocated shoulders.

**SWEDEN:** Parma's Tomas Brolin is voted Footballer of the Year.

**WEST GERMANY:** Werder Bremen beat St Pauli 2-0 ... the DFB says that any fans convicted of hooligan offences in Luxembourg will be banned from German stadia for life ... Koln's Ralf Sturm, the league's current six-goal top scorer, is ruled out for a month after knee surgery.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**ACTION:** Italy are held goalless in Rome by the Soviet Union in the European championship ... in Austria Tirol are held goalless at Vienna and are now ahead of FK Austria and Rapid only on goal difference ... Anderlecht draw 1-1 away to Charleroi in Belgium ... Auxerre go top in France, beating Lille 3-2 while Marseille go down 2-0 at Nancy ... PSV thrash Sparta 6-1 in Holland with two goals for Ellerman and two own goals ...
Sporting maintain winning form in Portugal, winning 1-0 away to Famalicao ... Spanish league leaders Barcelona are surprisingly held 0-0 at home by Burgos ... in the second leg of the Swedish championship play-off IFK Gothenburg are held 0-0 at home by Norrkoping but win the title 3-0 on aggregate ... in the West German cup second round struggling Hertha go down 2-1 to second division MSV.

**EAST GERMANY:** One fan is shot dead by police trying to quell fighting in Leipzig between rival fans of Sachsen and FC Berlin.
Fighting lasts several hours and 80 other fans are arrested.
Berlin won the match 4-1.

**ROMANIA:** The federation clamps down on transfer exporters by introducing a rule that clubs may sell only two players abroad per year.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

**ACTION:** On Olympic qualifiers, Surinam are held goalless at home by Netherlands Antilles but win through 1-0 on aggregate ... in Argentina Rosario Central beat Huracan 2-0 to edge ahead of River Plate (held goalless by Union Santa Fe) on goal difference at the top of the table ... Belgian champions Brugge maintain their pursuit of Gent with a 2-1 home win over Germinal Ekeren ... in Brazil, Santos coach Pepe and two of his players are shown the red card in a 1-0 defeat by Corinthians ... Yotis Tsaluhidis scored a hat-trick as Olympiakos thrash Panionios 6-1 away and pull level with Panathinaikos and OFI at the top of the Greek first division ... no slips by Ajax as the Dutch champions win 4-1 away to Heerenveen ... Real Madrid struggle to a 2-1 home victory over Espanol with goals from Butragueno ... In Uruguay Bella Vista maintain a one-point lead despite being held goalless at home by Racing.

**PORTUGAL:** FC Porto buy sacked Brazilian striker Baltazar from Atletico Madrid then win 1-0 away to Braga to remain two points behind leaders Sporting. Third-placed Benfica lose 2-0 away to Setubal.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**DENMARK:** Jan Molby and John Jensen are recalled to midfield in the squad to face Yugoslavia in the European championship.

**FRANCE:** Marseille president Bernard Tapie expresses his unease at his club's erratic results since the arrival of Franz Beckenbauer, saying: "I hired him because I wanted him to impose a different sort of football. It will be too late if we eventually find there is too much of a difference between German and French soccer."

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**ITALY:** A new Maradona crisis. He locks himself in his villa and refuses to fly with his club-mates to Moscow for the Champions' Cup return against Spartak.

**HUNGARY:** Ferencvaros obtain permission to close off local roads which could be used as 'stands' by fans barred from the closed-doors UEFA Cup-tie against Brondby.

**SWITZERLAND:** The Swiss federation appeal against the three-match ban imposed by UEFA of national boss Uli Stielike for his antics at the end of match against Scotland.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**ACTION:** In the Champions' Cup secound round, second leg Bayern Munich win 3-0 away (and 7-0 on aggregate) against CSKA.
Bordeaux, Dortmund and Koln all advance in the UEFA Cup.

**IRAN:** Rudi Gutendorf, the wandering West German coach who took Iran to the Asian Games title earlier this year, flies off to take up his latest post in Angola – his 47th coaching appointment.

**ITALY:** Bologna agree to buy Switzerland striker Kubilay Turyilmaz for a Swiss record £1.8million. They will create space for him in their squad by releasing Bulgarian defender Niki Iliev – though he is turns down the idea of an initial loan to Leeds.

**SWITZERLAND:** Fit-again Hottiger and Geiger are recalled for the European championship visit to San Marino.

**UNITED STATES:** The US agree to face the Soviet Union in a friendly in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on November 21.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**ACTION:** Tunisia go down 3-1 to Norway in a friendly in Bizerte ... in the European club competitions, there is a Champions' Cup defeat for Napoli (on penalties) and victories for Milan, Marseille and Porto as well as aggregate successes for Real Madrid and Red Star. In the Cup-winners' Cup Barcelona, Kiev, Juventus, Sampdoria and Manchester United cruise through.
In the UEFA Cup, Aston Villa crash out, losing 3-0 in Milan against Inter and 4-3 on aggregate ... in the South American Supercup, Santos draw 2-2 at home against Penarol.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**ACTION:** Brazil draw 0-0 with Chile in Belem ...
Partizan beat Real Sociedad 1-0 and 5-4 on penalties in a UEFA Cup second round return.

**AUSTRIA:** National boss Alfred Riedl drops Aigner, Riesinger and Streiter for the European qualifier against Northern Ireland ... Sturm Graz treasurer Karl Temmel, 34, succeeds Huge Egger as president and announces the imminent signing of a new, Japanese, sponsor on a £285,000 three-year contract.

**FRANCE:** Michel Platini calls up Saint-Etienne striker Philippe Tibeuf for the European qualifier against Albania. He replaces knee injury victim Eric Cantona.

**ITALY:** Milan's Marco Van Basten is revealed as facing double disciplinary action – as a result of his midweek Champions' Cup expulsion against Brugge but also for incidents at the end of Holland's recent European championship defeat by Portugal ...
Napoli coach Alberto Bigon says the club and Maradona "have resolved our differences."

**ROMANIA:** The federation steps up the transfer rules still further. Now players seeking a move abroad must be 28 years old and have 40 caps to their name.

**SPAIN:** Barcelona reach preliminary agreement to sign Denmark midfielder Jan Molby from Liverpool.

**SWEDEN:** Sweden midfielder Jan Eriksson is released after a trial with Newcastle.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**ACTION:** Flamengo beat Argentinos Juniors 3-1 in Rio in the South American Supercup.

**BELGIUM:** Brugge defender Pascal Plovie undergoes surgery to repair the cheekbone fracture caused by Marco Van Basten's elbow in Wednesday's Champions' Cup-tie. Plovie says: "I'm not mad at Van Basten. He is the best striker in the world and he had to take a lot from me."

**EAST GERMANY:** Hooligan trouble in Rostock with dozens of drunken troublemakers going on a violent spree through a shopping area and spray tear gas in the face of policemen. Around 40 are arrested.

**ITALY:** Sampdoria's Brazilian veteran midfielder Toninho Cerezo is ruled out for a month after being injured in midweek against Olympiakos in the Cup-winners' Cup.

**SCOTLAND:** St Mirren sign wandering striker Steve Archibald from Espanol of Barcelona.

**SWITZERLAND:** The UEFA Cup third round draw is: Brondby v Bayer Leverkusen, Inter v Partizan, Torpedo v Monaco, Roma v
Bordeaux, Koln v Atalanta, Adnira v Bologna.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**ACTION:** Rapid lose 2-1 at home to Austrian champions Tirol ... in France Bordeaux lose a second successive game, this time by 1-0 at home to troubled Toulon. Leaders Auxerre lose 1-0 to Metz ... Swiss league leaders Lausanne crash 4-1 at home to Young Boys. In Zurich the goalless draw between Grasshoppers and Luzern is followed by a shooting in a bar in which a fan is wounded after rival fans scuffle ... a shock in West Germany as Bayern Munich lose 3-2 at home to Borussia Dortmund, so Werder Bremen go top thanks to a 1-0 away to Stuttgart.

**EAST GERMANY:** More hooligan trouble. Police use water cannon to disperse a troublesome crowd of 150 rampaging through the centre of Magdeburg after the home team beat Dresden 3-1. In Berlin a peaceful, silent crowd of around 1,000 stage a march through the centre of the city to the Brandeburg Gate in memory of the fan shot dead in Leipzig.

**ROMANIA:** Mircea Radulescu, former national youth coach, one-time aide to Mircea Lucescu and trainer of Craiova and Sportul Studentesc, is named new national manager in succession to Gheorghe Constantin. Gino Iorgulescu will remain as assistant national coach.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**ACTION:** Tunisia lose 2-1 at home to Finland in a Tunis friendly ... in Argentina River Plate lose 2-1 to Independiente and Rosario Central lose 2-0 to Union Santa Fe – so Newell's Old Boys become the third leader in three weeks ... second-placed Standard crash 5-1 in Belgium to Anderlecht ... Marseille regain the leadership in France after beating Rennes 4-1 ... Soviet star Yuri Savichev scores twice in Greece as Olympiakos beat Ioannina 3-0 to stay joint top with Panathinaikos ... PSV regain the lead in Holland, on goal difference; they win 1-0 away to SVV Schiedam as Ajax are held goalless by RKC ... Sampdoria stay top in Italy thanks to a 4-2 win over Pisa which sees goals for star names Mikhailichenko, Mancini and fit-again Vialli ... Fernando Gomes scores twice as Sporting maintain their Portuguese lead with a 3-0 win over Braga.

**TURKEY:** Star striker Ridvan tears a leg muscle in morning training and, with injured key defender Semih, pulls out of the forthcoming European qualifier against Poland.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**ACTION:** In the Olympic qualifiers Jamaica win 2-0 at home to Puerto Rico and thus 5-0 on aggregate; Barbados beat Antigua 5-0 (and also on aggregate); St Lucia thrash Aruba 9-0 (and 12-3 overall).

**ENGLAND:** In the wake of the Old Trafford Brawl, Arsenal are penalised two league points and Manchester United are penalised one league point and both are fined £50,000.

**FRANCE:** Former international forward Jose Toure severs an artery in a falling from a window at a friend's home and needs urgent hospital treatment ... Marseille's Yugoslav star Dragan Stojkovic is told by a specialist that knee surgery is inevitable.

**ITALY:** The federation decides to investigate reports that Juventus star Toto Schillaci told Bologna's Fabio Poli that he would "have him shot" when they clashes in the tunnel after Sunday's league match ... Inter's West Germany World Cup-winning captain, Lothar Matthaus, appeals for fans in Germany to stop the violence.

**SWITZERLAND:** Luxembourg coach Paul Philipp is banned from the touchline for the European qualifier against Wales because, according to UEFA, of his "unsportsmanlike behaviour" during the game against West Germany.

**WEST GERMANY:** Berti Vogts names uncapped Dieter Eilts and Michael Zorc in his squad for the Unification Match against East Germany in nine days' time.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**ACTION:** In the European under-21 qualifiers, Bulgaria beat Scotlanfd 2-0, Czechoslovakia beat Spain 3-1, Denmark beat Yugoslavia 3-0, the Irish Republic lose 3-0 at home to England and Turkey lose 1-0 to Poland.

**BELGIUM:** Mechelen beat FC Liege 2-0.

**EAST/WEST GERMANY:** The Unification Match, set for Leipzig on November 21, is cancelled amid increasing fears of inevitable hooligan violence. The decision is taken by the DFB on advice from the Saxony state security officials. But there is criticism from those who see this as capitulation to the hooligans.

**FRANCE:** Injured Marseille midfielder Philip Vercruysse pulls out of the weekend European tie against Albania. Brest's David Ginola is called up in his place.

**HOLLAND:** National manager Rinus Michels is told by Ruud Gullit that the Milan forward will not be fit enough to face Greece the following week in the European championship. Michels replaces him in the squad with the Vitesse midfielder John Van de Brom.

**ITALY:** Diego Maradona, who said at the start of the season he would "go out onto the pitch in a wheelchair if necessary," changes his mind. Now he says: "From now on I will play only when I am fully fit. And that wil take at least two weeks this time."

**SCOTLAND:** St Mirren sign former Spain captain Victor, the veteran midfielder who has been surplus to requirements with Sampdoria since the summer.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**ACTION:** A big night in the European qualifiers, with victories for Norway, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Wales and Poland. San Marino's first international ends in a 4-0 home defeat at the hands of Switzerland and three UK teams – Scotland in Bulgaria, England in the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland in Austria – all force draws ... in a South American Supercup quarter-final first leg, Olimpia are held 1-1 at home by Racing of Argentina.

**BELGIUM:** Leaders Gent score a 5-1 win away to RWDM; Anderlecht win 2-0 away to Beerschot; Brugge lose 2-1 to Racing Genk.

**FRANCE:** A new sensation in the Toulon scandal: fraud squad officers arrest Jean-Claude Darmon, the biggest personality in sporting commercial business and promotions director of the French federation. The holding charge concerns a £35,000 loan in 1986.

**ITALY:** A surprise in the third round, first leg matches in the cup as holders Sampdoria are held 1-1 at home by relegated Cremonese.

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**EUROSPORT**

**Sun 2 Dec, 7pm, 1990 World Cup Classic – West Germany v Czechoslovakia.**
**Mon 3 Dec, 4.30pm, as above.**
**Tue 4 Dec, 6pm, Spanish goals.**
**Thu 6 Dec, 10pm, Spanish goals.**
**Sun 9 Dec, 7pm, World Cup Classic – England v Cameroon.**
**Mon 10 Dec, 4.30pm, as above.**
**Tue 11 Dec, 6pm, Spanish goals.**
**Wed 12 Dec, 10pm, soccer highlights.**
**Thu 13 Dec 9.30pm, soccer highlights.**
**Sun 16 Dec, 7pm, World Cup Classic – Italy v Argentina**
**Mon 17 Dec, 7pm, as above.**
**Tue 18 Dec, 6pm, Spanish goals.**
**Thu 20 Dec, 9.30pm, The History of Football, part one,**
**10.30pm, Spanish goals.**
**Sun 23 Dec, 7pm, World Cup Classic – England v West Germany.**
**Mon 24 Dec, 4.30pm, as above.**
**Thu 27 Dec, World XI v Brazil (PELE'S 50TH birthday match).**
**Sun 30 Dec, World Cup Classic, England v Italy.**
**Mon 31 Dec, as above.**

**SCREENSPORT**

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**Wed 5 Dec, 7 am, Argentinian soccer.**
**Thu 6 Dec, 6pm, Argentinian soccer. 9pm, two Spanish matches.**
**Fri 7 Dec, 4pm. Argentinian soccer.**
**Sun 9 Dec, 3am, Argentinian soccer.**
**Mon 10 Dec, 7.30pm. Spanish soccer.**
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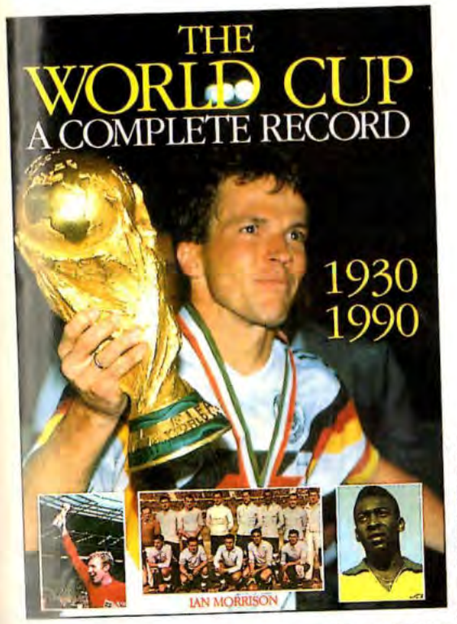


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# INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

## SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

### (Libertadores Cup)

**Quarterfinals – 2nd legs – August 29**
**In Buenos Aires, Argentina**
**INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) 1 (Osterrieth) RIVER PLATE (Argentina) 1 (Medina Bello) HT: 1-0.Ref: Ricardo Calabria (Argentina). Att: 30,000.** (River Plate qualify for semifinals on a 3-1 aggregate.) Independiente: Vargas, M.Morales, Monzon, Delgado, Acevey, Bianco, Giusti, Bochini, Ubaldi, Osterrieth (Salaberry), Munoz (Insua). River Plate: Miguel, Basualdo, Higuain, Serrizuela, C.Enrique, Zapata (Vazquez), Astrada, Da Silva, Borrelli (Beltramo), Medina Bello, Berti. Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, Nontanero, Macias, Guzman, F Bravo, Saralegui, Proano, Trobbiani, Munoz, Urquillas (Jimenez).

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**September 12 – 2nd leg**
**In Guayquil, Ecuador.**
**BARCELONA (Ecuador) 1 (Acosts pen.) RIVER PLATE (Argentina) 0**
**HT: 1-0. Ref: Carlos Montalban (Peru). Att: 60,000.**
(Aggregate 1-1 – Barcelona won 4-3 on penalties, Izquierdo, D. Bravo, Macias and Saralegui scoring for Barcelona and Berti, Borelli and Zapata for River Plate).
Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, Montanero, F.Bravo, Guzman, Proano, Saralegui, Munoz, Trobbiani, Urquillas (Macias), Acosta (D. Bravo).
River Plate: Miguel, Basualdo, Higuain, Serrizuela, C. Enrique, Astrada, Vazquez (Borrelli), Zapata, Berti, Medina Bello.

River Plate looked the better tea, almost man for man, but did not show it in a first half plagued with stoppages, fouls and even a free for all between all the players (with police having to intervene to stop it), but nobody was sent off after a 12-minute suspension. The only goal came after 22 minutes from a twice-taken penalty. If River Plate could have settled down to play soccer they might have won, but Barcelona froze the game and their goalkeeper, Morales became the hero, also saving one penalty during the shoot-out. Montanero (Barc) and Medina Bello (River) were sent off halfway through the second half.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Libertadores Cup)
**September 21 – semifinal, 1st leg In Santiago, Chile (Nacional's home leg)**

**NACIONAL (Colombia) 1 (Arboleda) OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 2 (Samaniego, Amarilla) HT: 1-1.**
**Olimpia's direct and simple play won the day in a good match in which Nacional also showed some elegant touches to gain an early lead. Olimpia never let up their fast rhythm and scored the winner half an hour from the end.**

**September 27 – Semifinal, 2nd leg In Asuncion, Paraquay.**
**OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 2 (Amarilla, Monzon) NACIONAL (Colombia) 3 (Arboleda, Higuita pen., Hernandez) HT: 1-1. Ref. Francisco Lamolina (Argentina).***
**Olimpia: Almeida, J. Ramirez, Fernandez, M. Ramirez, Suarez, Guasch, Balbuena, Jara Heyn (Cubillas), Monzon, Gonzalez (Samaniego), Amarilla.**
**Nacional: Higuita, Herrera, Cassiani, Perea, Gomez, R. Perez (F. Perez), Alvarez (Arango), Garcia, Galeano, Arboleda, Hernandez.**
**Nacional had the better of most of an exciting game until near the end when they were leading 3-1 and Olimpia showed their fighting spirit. Most of the disappointed Paraguayan fans were already leaving the stadium when Monzon scored for Olimpia three minutes from the end to tie the aggregate score 4-4 and force a penalty shootout which Olimpia won**

saved from Anderson face to face, Nacional pressed more while Vasco showed little in attack against a well ordered defence even after 20 minutes play when they fell behind. The win, at the second attempt, put Nacional into the semifinals on a 1-0 aggregate.

**Semifinals**
**September 5 – 1st leg**
**In Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
**RIVER PLATE (Argentina) 1 (Beltramo) BARCELONA (Ecuador) 0**
**HT: 0-0. Ref: Filippi (Uruguay). Att: 25,000.**
River Plate: Miguel, Basualdo, Higuain, Serrizuela, C.Enrique, Zapata (Vazquez), Astrada, Da Silva, Borrelli (Beltramo), Medina Bello, Berti. Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, Nontanero, Macias, Guzman, F Bravo, Saralegui, Proano, Trobbiani, Munoz, Urquillas (Jimenez).

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**September 12 – 2nd leg**
**In Guayquil, Ecuador.**
**BARCELONA (Ecuador) 1 (Trobbiani) OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 1 (Amarilla) HT: 0-0. Ref. Juan Carlos Loustau (Argentina). Att: 55,000.***
**Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, F. Bravo, Macias, Guzman (Proano), Saralegui, D. Bravo, Trobbiani, Munoz, Uquillas, Acosta.**
**Olimpia: Almeida, J. Ramirez, M. Ramirez, Suarez, Fernandez (Gonzalez), Guasch, Balbuena, Jara, Monzon, Amarilla (Vida Sanabria), Samaniego.**
**Olimpia played more defensively, but nevertheless controlled the game. Barcelona attacked nervously and missed chances – also a penalty six minutes into the second half which Almeida saved from Acosta. Further Barcelona attacks brought reward however when they took the lead after 16 minutes. Olimpia continued to defend, but it was (Amarilla) who scored in a breakaway to save Olimpia.**
***Olimpia won 3-1 on aggregate.**

## NORTH, CENTRAL AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN CHAMPION CLUBS TROPHY

**Semifinals in San Pedro Sula, Honduras**
**August 31**
**Olimpia (Honduras) 2 (N.Espinoza, Yearwood)**
**SUCHITEPEQUEZ (Guatemala) 2 (B.Perez 2)**
**HT: 1-1. Att: 11,000.**
Olimpia: Banegas, Zapata, Galindo, Yearwood, Williams, Viera, J.C. Espinoza, Tovar, N. Espinoza, Cornet, Laje (Pineda).
Suchitepequez: Flores, Rivera, Cuttforth, Villanueva, Santana, Nunez, Jimenez, Montepeque, Perez, Castaneda, Gardiner.

Olimpia pressed more for most of the game and would have deserved victory, yet they only managed to equalize two minutes from the end.

**ESPANA (Honduras) 2 (Vallejo, Roland) MUNICIPAL (Guatemala) 1 (Ferreira) HT: 1-0. Ref: Rafael Rodriguez (El Salvador). Att: 11,000.**
Espana: Lopez, Contreras, Costly, Castro, M. Anariba, Roland, Funez, Maradiaga, Gallegos (Gonzalez), Vallejo, J. Anariba.
Municipal: Picinici, Rodriguez, Sandoval, MacDonald, Salguero, Blanco, Funez, Ceballos, Ferreira, Oliver (Castro), Archila.

Espana made good use of Municipal's mistakes to win deservedly with the latter only scoring their goal seven minutes from the end.

**September 2**
**OLIMPIA (Honduras) 2 (C.Laje 2)**
**SUCHITEPEQUEZ (Guatemala) 0**
**HT: 1-0. Ref: Rafael Rodriguez. (El Salvador). Att: 11,000.**
Olimpia: Banegas, Zapata, Galindo, Yearwood, Williams, Viera, J.C. Espinoza, Tovar, N.Espinoza, Cornet, Laje (Pineda).
Suchitepequez: Flores, Rivera (Noriega), Cuttforth, Gardinera, Villanueva (Samayoa), Santana, Nunes,

**2-1. Monzon and Suarez scored for Olimpia while Higuita was Nacional's hero when he saved from his opposite number. Almeida, Samaniego and Cubillas. But it was not good enough as Higuita hit a post and Gomez shot wide while Almeida was the hero of the day with saves from Hernandez, Galeano and Perez.**
***Olimpia qualifed for final 2-1 on penalties after 4-4 aggregate.**

**October 3 – Final, 1st leg In Asuncion, Paraguay.**
**OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 2 (Amarilla, Samaniego) BARCELONA (Ecuador) 0**
**HT: 0-0. Ref. Juan Cardellino (Uruguay). Att: 35,000.**
**Olimpia: Almeida, J. Ramirez, Fernandez, M. Ramirez, Suarez, Guasch, Balbuena (Cubilla), Monzon, Gonzalez, Samaniego, Amarilla.**
**Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, Martinez, Nacias, F. Barvo, Saralegui, Munoz [Maldonado), Proano (D. Bravo), Trobbiani, Jimenez, Acosta.**
**Both teams played cautiously at the start and there was hardly a shot at goal during the first 20 minutes. Olimpia then became more dangerous while their own goalkeeper was only tested twice during the first half. Amarilla headed Olimpia into the lead right after the break and the Paraguyan team continued to have the better of it with Samaniego going through on his own to increase the score after 65 minutes.**

**October 10 – Final, 2nd leg In Guayaquil, Ecuador.**
**BARCELONA (Ecuador) 1 (Trobbiani) OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 1 (Amarilla) HT: 0-0. Ref. Juan Carlos Loustau (Argentina). Att: 55,000.***
**Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, F. Bravo, Macias, Guzman (Proano), Saralegui, D. Bravo, Trobbiani, Munoz, Uquillas, Acosta.**
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Suchitepequez: Flores, Rivera, Cuttforth, Villanueva, Santana, Nunez, Jimenez, Montepeque, Perez, Castaneda.

Olimpia attacked from the start and wasted chances. They were superior technically and physically and could have won more easily. Santana (Suchitepequez) was sent off for insulting the referee. (Olimpia qualified for final round with 4-2 aggregate).

**ESPANA (Honduras) 1 (M.Anariva) MUNICIPAL (Guatemala) 0**
**HT: 0-0. Ref: Jose Garza Ochoa (Mexico).**
Espana: Lopez (J.C.Arzu), Contreras, Costly, Castro, M. Anariva, Funez, Rolland, Maradiago, J. Anariva, Vallejo, Gallegos.
Municipal: Picinici (B.Arzu), Rodriquez, MacDonald, Hernandez, Sandoval, Blanco (Callen), Salguero, Ferreira, Ceballos, Funez, Archila.

All the excitement came in the last 20 minutes when Municipal went all out to square the aggregate score and Espana went all out to make it safe. It was also rough and quite a number of players ended the match injured. Espana's goal came three minutes from the end to put them into the final round with a 3-1 aggregate.

## CONCACAF CLUB CHAMPIONS CUP

**Central American final round**

**October 7 In Sal Salvador, El Salvador.**
**LUIS ANGEL FIRPO (San Salvador) 0**
**OLIMPIA (Honduras) 1 (Yearwood) HT: 0-1. Ref: Berni Ullona Morela.**
**Luis Angel Firpo was on top for most of the match, but Olimpia – more experienced – scored against the run of the play after 29 minutes and held on to their lead.**

**October 11 In Tegacigalpa, Honduras.**
**ESPANA (Honduras) 4 (Vallejo 2, Aguirre, Maradiaga) OLIMPIA (Laje) HT: 2-1, Olimpia took a six-minute lead, but could not hold out against a superior Espana who had regained a 2-1 lead at the break and then coasted to a comfortable victory.**

**October 15 In Tegucigalpa, Honduras.**
**OLIMPIA (Honduras) 1 (Laje) ESPANA (Honduras) 0 HT: 0-0 Ref. Mario Escobar (Guatemala). Att: 20,000.**
**Olimpia scored 15 minutes from the end in a game riddled by stoppages – which, Espana officials complained, put their team off their game – to win the Central American zone for the fourth time.**

**Previous final round results: Septemer 9, LUIS ANGEL FIRPO (El Salvador) 3 ESPANA (Honduras) 0; September 15 – ESPANA 1 FIRO 1; September 20 – OLIMPIA 1 FIRPO 1.**

Final Central American zone standings

| | P | W | D | L | Gf | Ga | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Olimpia (Honduras) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| L.A. Firpo (El Salv) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Espana (Honduras) | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 |

MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS Oct. 15 – Union Atletica Tachire (Venezuela) 1 Nacional (Colomiba) 1.

## SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICAN LEAGUE TABLES

ARGENTINA: National Championship

| | P | W | D | L | Gf | Ga | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| River Plate | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 14 |
| Rosario | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 13 |
| Newell's | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 9 | 12 |
| Oeste | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 12 |
| Boca | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 11 |
| Huracan | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 10 |
| Velez | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 10 |
| Chaco | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 10 |
| Arg Juniors | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Estudiantes | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 10 |
| Racing | 9 | – | 9 | – | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Talleres | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 9 |
| San Lorenzo | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 9 |
| Dep Mandiyu | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| Platense | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| Dep.Espanol | 9 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 6 |
| Independiente | 9 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 6 |
| Gimnasia | 9 | – | 6 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 6 |
| Union | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 5 |
| Lanus | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 3 |

BRAZIL: National Championship (1st phase – final)
Group A: 1) Atletico Mineiro 16 points; 2) Corinthians 14; 3) Goias, Bragantino 12; 5) Bahia, Santos 11; 7) Botafogo 10; 8) Vasco da Gama 8; 9) Portuguesa 7; 10) Internacional (PA) 5.
Group B: 1) Gremio 13; 2) Vitoria, Cruzeiro 12; 4) Nautico 10; 5) Sao Paulo 9; 6) Internacional SP, Flamengo 8; 8) Fluminense, Sao Jose 7; 10) Palmeiras 6. (Group winners Atletico and Gremio qualify for quarter-finals.)

COLOMBIA: Professional League

| | P | W | D | L | Gf | Ga | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| America | 35 | 20 | 12 | 3 | 68 | 23 | 52 |
| Ind Medellin | 35 | 16 | 12 | 7 | 42 | 3044 | |
| Bucaramanga | 36 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 44 | 32 | 43 |
| Nacional | 35 | 14 | 13 | 8 | 48 | 48 | 41 |
| Ind Santa Fe | 35 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 42 | 38 | 39 |
| Dep Cali | 35 | 11 | 16 | 8 | 37 | 27 | 38 |
| Caldas | 36 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 48 | 42 | 38 |
| Quindio | 35 | 15 | 8 | 12 | 46 | 38 | 38 |
| Millonarios | 35 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 41 | 38 | 36 |
| Pereira | 35 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 32 | 43 | 36 |
| Tolima | 36 | 8 | 13 | 15 | 27 | 4429 | |
| At Junior | 36 | 5 | 18 | 13 | 27 | 36 | 28 |
| Un Magdalena | 35 | 8 | 10 | 17 | 34 | 45 | 26 |
| Sporting | 36 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 28 | 54 | 22 |
| Cucuta | 36 | 4 | 12 | 20 | 27 | 5520 | |

CHILE: First Division

| | P | W | D | L | Gf | Ga | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Uni Catolica (x) | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 34 | 13 | 19 |
| Colo Colo (x) | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 9 | 18 |
| O'Higgins (x) | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 16 |
| Un Espanola (x) | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 10 | 15 |
| Palestino | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 24 | 17 | 14 |
| Everton | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 13 | 13 |
| La Serena | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 13 |
| Concepcion | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 19 | 13 |
| Cobreloa | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 12 |
| F Vial | 12 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 13 | 16 | 12 |
| Iquique | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 24 | 11 |
| Cobresal | 12 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 10 |
| Huachipato | 12 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 17 | 10 |
| Naval | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 22 | 8 |
| Wanderers | 12 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 22 | 7 |
| Univ Chile | 12 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 6 |

(x) Bonus pts. for top four in pre-season tournament.

HONDURAS: First Division 1)
Marathon, Espana 34 points; 3) Olimpia 32; 4) Platense 25; 5) Motagua 24; 6) Tela-Timsa, Super Estrella, Sula, Vida 18; 10) Victoria 17.

URUGUAY: First Division 1) Central Espanol 16 points; 2) Bella Vista, Liverpool, Nacional 15; 5) Danubio, Racing Club 13; 7) Defensor Sporting 11; 8) Cerro, Rentistas 10; 10) Progreso, Penarol 9; 12) Wanderers 6; 13) River Plate 5; 14) Huracan Buceo 3.

ECUADOR: First Division (2nd stage – final) 1) Nacional 49 points; 2) Universidad Catolica 44; 3) Deportivo Quito 43; 4) Emelec 37; 5) Barcelona 33; 6) Cuenca, Delfin 31; 8) Liga Deportiva Universitaria 30; 9) Tecnico Universitario, Filanbanco 29; 11) Aucas 27; 12) Macara 21. (Top 8 qualify for 3rd stage.)

BOLIVIA: National Championship (3rd stage) Group A – 1) Bolivar, Oriente Petrolero 7 points 3) Independiente 4; 4) Destroyers 3.
Group B – 1) The Strongest, San Jose 6; 3) Blooming 5; 4) Wilsterman 3.

PERU: Regional Championship Metropolitan zone

| | P | W | D | L | Gf | Ga | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dep Municipal | 6 | 4 | 2 | – | 9 | 210 | |
| Alianza Lima | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 9 |
| Sport Boys | 6 | 2 | 4 | – | 9 | 5 | 8 |
| Union Huaral | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| Universitario | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| Defensor Lima | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 7 |
| Octavio Espinoza | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 7 |
| Internacionale | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 6 |
| Sp Cristal | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| San Agustin | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 83 | |
| AELU | 6 | – | 2 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 2 |
| Meteor Sport | 6 | – | 1 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 1 |

North Zone: 1) Atletico Torino, Alianza Atletico, Miguel Grau, Deportivo Pacifico, Universidad Tecnica Cajamarca 2 pts; 6) Libertad, Carlos Manucci 1; 8) Morba 0.
Central zone: 1) Leon de Huanuco 4; 2) ADT Tarma; 3) Union Minas, Mina San Vicente 2; 5) Deportivo Junin, Union Huallaspanca 1; 7) Alipio Ponce, Anda 0.
South zone: 1) Cienciano (Cusco), Melgar FC 4; 3) Atletico Huracan, Los Angeles 2; 5) Aurora, Diablos Rojos 1; 7) Alfonzo Ugarte, Bolognesi 0.

MEXICO: First Division Group 1

| | P | W | D | L | Gf | Ga | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| America | 3 | 2 | 1 | – | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| UAG | 3 | – | 3 | – | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Morelia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Necaxa | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 3 |
| Santos | 3 | 1 | – | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Group 2 | | | | | | | |
| UNAM | 3 | 3 | – | – | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Correcaminos | 3 | – | 3 | – | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Cruz Azul | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Veracruz | 3 | 1 | – | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Toluca | 3 | 1 | – | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Group 3 | | | | | | | |
| Guadalajara | 3 | 2 | 1 | – | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| Puebla | 3 | 2 | 1 | – | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| Queretaro | 3 | 1 | – | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Irapuato | 3 | – | 2 | 1 | – | 1 | 2 |
| Nuevo Leon | 3 | – | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Group 4 | | | | | | | |
| Cobras | 3 | 1 | 2 | – | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Leon | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 33 | |
| Atlas | 3 | – | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Uni Guadalajara | 3 | – | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Monterrey | 3 | 1 | – | 2 | 3 | 52 | |

COSTA RICA: Championship final round (final) 1) Saprissa 16 points; 2) Alajuelense 12 – on goals; 3) Uruguay 12; 4) Herediano 7; 5) Cartajines 7; 6) Limon 6.

EL SALVADOR: First Division I) FAS 10 points; 2) Fuerte San Franciso 9; 3) Tiburones, Aguila 8; 5) Metapan, Luis Angel Firpo 7; 7) Dragon 6; 8) Marte 5; 9) Alianza 4: 10) Cojutepeque 2.

GUATEMALA: First Division 1) Comunicaciones 26 points; 2) Juventud Retalteca 25; 3) Chiquimulilla, Galcasa 24; 5) Municipal 23; 6) Suchitepequez 21; 7) Escuintla 19; 8) Del Monte 16; 9) Aurora 13; 10) Deportivo Jalapa, Tipografia Nacional 12; 12) Xelaju 11.

PANAMERICAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP (in Bogota, Colombia). Preliminary groups – Section A: Sept. 27 – Colombia 3 Argentina 1; Bolivia 7 Puerto Rico 0. Sept. 28 – Argentina 10 Puerto Rico 1. Sept. 29 – Colombia 6 Bolivia 2. Sept. 16 – Colombia 9 Puerto Rico 2; Bolivia 2 Argentina 1. Section B: Sept.27 – Venezuela 4 Mexico 3; Paraquay 0 Uruguay 0; Sept.28 – Costa Rico 6 Mexico 3; Venezuela 2 Paraquay 2. Sept. 29 – Uruguay 5 Mexico 2; Venezuela 2 Costa Rica 0.

Final Group Standings
Group A

| | P | W | D | L | Gf | Ga | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colombia | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 6 |
| Bolovia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 4 |
| Argentina | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 2 |
| Puerto Rico | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 0 |
| Group B | | | | | | | |
| Venezuela | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 7 |
| Paraguay | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| Uruguay | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 5 |
| Costa Rica | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 2 |
| Mexico | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 18 | 0 |

Final round: Sept. 30 – Colombia 4 Bolivia 1; Venezuela 3 Paraquay 1. Oct. 1 – Colombia 4 Venezuela 1; Paraquay 2 Bolivia 0.



# EUROPEAN CUPS RESULTS

CHAMPIONS' CUP
Second round, first legs (Oct 24)

**Bayern Munich 4** (Reuter 3, 62pen, Wohlfarth 28, Augenthaler 54)
**CSKA Sofia 0**
HT: 2-0. Att: 12,000. **Ref:** Halle (Nor). Played Oct 23.
**Bayern:** Aumann – Augenthaler, Reuter, Kohler, Effenberg, Thon (Bender 46), Strunz, Dorfner, Pflugler, Laudrup, Wohlfarth (McInally 73).
**CSKA:** Apostolov – Emil Dimitrov, Stoyanov, Ivanov, Dimiter Mladenov, Yanchev, Donev, Bakalov, Pavlov (Goranov 73), Marashliev, Georgiev (Donev 46).

World Cup defender Stefan Reuter was Bayern's star with a sound all-round display in defence plus two goals. Reuter shot home from 15 metres for the opening goal and then created a second for Wohlfarth. Klaus Augenthaler headed home from a corner after 54 minutes and Reuter virtually ensured Bayern's quarter-final place when he converted a penalty Bayern's second penalty of the night – in the 36th minute CSKA keeper Rumen Apostolov had saved a kick from Olaf Thon.

**Dinamo Bucharest 0**
**FC Porto 0**
Att: 7,500. **Ref:** Kohl (Aus).
**Dinamo:** Stelea – Rednic, Mihaescu (Radacanu 23), Matei, Tobus (Pana 72), Selimessi, Cheregi, Timofte, Marcu, Zamfir, Damaschin.
**Porto:** Vitor Baia – Joao Pinto, Geraldao, P Pereira, Branco – Semedo, Kiki, Aloisio – Jorge Couto (Jaime Magalhaes 51), Madjer, Paille.

Dinamo lost two players within a minute after 20 minutes of the first half. First Ionut Mihaescu was carried off with two broken ribs after colliding with the FC Porto keeper then Tibor Selimesi was sent off for a second yellow card offemnce. In the second half Porto's Stephane Paille was also sent off. Austrian referee Kohl yellow-carded six other players.

**Dresden 1** (Gutschow 44)
**Malmo 1** (Engqvist 18)
HT: 1-1. Att: 6,870. **Ref:** McKnight (NI).
**Dresden:** Teuber – Lieberam, Kern (Ratke 64), Wagenhaus, Schossler, Stubner, Scholz, Buttner, Jahnig, Minge (Allievi 64), Gutschow.
**Malmo:** Fedel – Ogren, Persson, Lundgren, Vonderburg, P Andersson, P Anderson, Nylin, Engqvist, Lindman (Sundstrom 72), Larsson.

**Lech Poznan 3** (Luksaik 30, Pachelski 41, Juskowiak 58)
**Marseille 2** (Fournier 7, Waddle 63)
**HT:** 2-1. Att: 23,000. **Ref:** Haas (Nor). Played Oct 25.
**Lech:** Sidorczuk – Rzepka, Lukasik, Jakolcewicz, Kofnyt, Skrzprczak, Gebura, Trzeciak, Moskal, Juskowiak, Pachelski.
**Marseille:** Olmeta – Mura, Casoni, Mozer, Germain, Di Meco, Fournier, Tigana, Waddle, Papin, Cantona.

**Milan 0**
**Brugge 0**
**Att:** 71,300. **Ref:** Forstinger (Aus).
**Milan:** Pazzagli – Tassotti, Costacurta, Baresi, Maldini, Gaudenzi (Ancelotti 46), Rijkaard (Massaro 68), Donadoni, Gullit, Van Basten, Evani.
**Brugge:** Verlinden – Beyens, Plovie, Janevski, Staelens, Borkelmans (Creve 66), Cossey, Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Farina, Booy.

Milan were disappointed that the first step in defence of their crown should have ended goalless – particularly since Brugge's Farina and Ceulemans were only half-fit and centre back Disztl was suspended. Keeper Verlinden was the Brugge hero, particularly with a scrambled double-save just before half-time from Gullit and Evani. Milan created few other chances, though Rijkaard struck the bar midway through the second half and Verlinden had to dive to keep out an Ancelotti drive in the last couple of minutes. Ruud Gullit blamed Milan's failure to impress on the poor state of the San Siro pitch. Gullit said: "On a better pitch we would have played differently. In the second half we were just trying to keep our feet."

**Napoli 0**
**Moscow Spartak 0**
**Ref:** 71,000. **Ref:** Schmidhuber (G).
**Napoli:** Galli – Ferrara, Francini, Crippa (Mauro 70), Alemao, Baroni, Venturin, De Napoli, Silenzi, Maradona, Incocciati (Zola 79).
**Spartak:** Cherchesov – Bazulev, Kulkov, Popov, Pozdnyakov, Karpin, Perepadenko, Shalimov, Mostovoi, Shmarov, Gradilenko.

Napoli were weakened by the absences of Renica and Careca, who was ruled out for a month by a strain suffered tripping over the ball when preparing to take a corner the previous weekend against Milan. Although the Italian champions forced the pace and kept Spartak keeper Cherchesov busy they could not turn that domination into goals. Napoli's best chance came early in the second half when Francini chipped against a post. In the closing minutes Spartak might have snatched the tie when both Mostovoj and Perepadenko clipped the woodwork.

**Real Madrid 9 (Butragueno 4, 31, 48, Sanchez 7, 12, 72, 85 Hierro 37, Tendillo 79**
**Tirol 1** (Pacult 15)
**HT:** 5-1. Att: 40,000. **Ref:** Hackett (Eng).
**Madrid:** Buyo – Chendo, Solana (Villaroya 52), Hierro, Spasic, Maqueda, Aragon (Tendillo 46), Michel, Butragueno, Hagi, Sanchez.
**Tirol:** Lindenberger – Hartmann, Baur, Streiter, Ruff, Pacult, Linzmaier, Peischl, Danek, Gorosito, Hortnagl.

All the pent-up frustrations of Madrid's comparatively poor start to the domestic season exploded against the luckless Austrians. Emilio Butragueno started the rout, chipping in after a Michel corner, and setting Madrid up for their biggest European win since 1961. Asked to explain Madrid's change of form, Butragueno shrugged and said: "Two league games without a goal, then nine in one game – that's football."

**Red Star 3** (Brown og 8, Prosinecki 65, Pancev 74)
**Rangers 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 82,000. **Ref:** Quiniou (Fr).
**Red Star:** Stojanovic – Radinovic, Marovic, Sabanadzovic, Belodedic, Najdovski, Prosinecki, Stosic, Pancev, Yugovic (Momcilovic 89), Binic (Ratkovic 78).
**Rangers:** Woods – Stevens, Munro, Gough, Spackman, Brown, Steven, Ferguson, Walters, Johnston, Huistra (Huistra 78).

Red Star were deserved winners. Indeed, Rangers manager Graeme Souness said: "I can't remember the last time a team beat us so deservedly. We were lucky to get away with only three." Red Star's first corner was an own goal by John Brown, playing only his second European match as replacement for ineligible/injured Oleg Kuznetsov, stabbed a Dusko Radinovic cross back past Chris Woods. In the 65th minute Prosinecki angled a swerving free kick from the left through the defensive wall for the Slav second.
Then, nine minutes later, Pancev scored a third after taking a return pass from Binic. Pancev's overenthusiastic celebrations earned him what could one day prove a very costly yellow card.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Second round, first legs (Oct 24)

**Aberdeen 0**
**Legia Warsaw 0**
**Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Conceicao Silva (Por).
**Aberdeen:** Watt – McKimmie, D Robertson, Grant, McLeish, Irvine, Van de Ven (C Robertson 82), Bett, Mason, Connor, Gillhaus.
**Legia:** Szczesny – Kubicki, Gmur, Jozwiak, Budka, Czykier, Pisz (Modzelewski 19), Iwanicki, Latka, Kosecki, Cyzio.

Aberdeen struggled to make much impression on the Poles who were sharper botn in midfield and in attack. Gillhaus was close with two headers and Bett forced a fine save from Szczesny with a 30-yard drive. At the other end Legia came within inches of scoring when Pisz smashed a free kick against the underside of the bar and Irvine had to clear off the line.

**Fram Reykjavik 1** (Dadason 54)
**Barcelona 2** (Salinas 36, Stoichkov 86)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 1,700. **Ref:** Gifford (Eng). Played Oct 23.
**Fram:** Kristiansson – Thorsteinsson, Sveinsson, Kristin Jonsson, Gudgeirsson (Palmason 77), A Jonsson, Arthorsson, Mazkusson (Gislason 82), Dadason, Ragnarsson, Bjornasson.
**Barcelona:** Zubizarreta – Nando, Alesanco, Lopez Rekarte – Eusebio, R Koeman, Amor, Beguiristain (Urbano 46), M Laudrup (Soler 60) – Salinas, Stoichkov.

**FK Austria 0**
**Juventus 4** (Casiraghi 30, De Agostini 44, Baggio 48, Schillaci 69pen)
**HT:** 0-2. Att. 12,000. **Ref:** Goethals (Bel).
FK Austria: Wohlfahrt – Aigner (Sekerlioglu 74), Frind, Pfeffer, Prosenik, Stogerl, Zsak, Milevski (Flogel 65), Hormann, Hasenhuttl, Pleva.
**Juventus:** Tacconi – Bonetti, Julio Cesar, De Marchi (Galia 42), De Agostini, Hassler, Marocchi (Alessio 69), Fortunato, Baggio, Schillaci, Casiraghi.

One of the few Italian successes of the night. Juventus ran the game right from the outset, Marocchi setting up the opening goal for Pier Luigi Casiraghi on the halfhour. A 25-yard drive from Luigi De Agostini doubled Juve's lead just before the interval. Man of the match Roberto Baggio made it 3-0 after switching passes with Toto Schillaci and then Schillaci himself rounded off the scoring from the penalty spot after a brilliant solo run by Baggio.

**Kiev Dynamo 1** (Litovchenko 65pen)
**Dukla 0**
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 42,500. **Ref:** Alexandrov (Bul).
**Kiev:** Chanov – Derkach, Tsveiba, Alexanenko, Shmatovalenko – Rats, Annenk

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**Valencia 1** (Roberto 25)
**Roma 1** (Rizzitelli 73)
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 37,400. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG).

Roma had hoped to have dope case pair Carnevale and Peruzzi on duty while they awaited the outcome of their appeal but this was vetoed by UEFA. Veteran international Roberto shot Sevilla ahead in the 25th minute but two other 'goals' by Eloy and Penev were disallowed by East German referee Siegfried Kirschen. Substitute Ruggiero Rizzitelli scored a late equaliser for Roma.

**Vitesse 1 (Eijer 28), Dundee United 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 87,331. **Ref:** Salomir (ORom)

Vitesse spent most of the match on the attack but United's defence dealt capably enough with the pressure – except in the 28th minute when Rene Eijer scored. Vitesse goalkeeper Raymond Van der Gouw had a quiet night.

CHAMPIONS' CUP
Second round, second legs (Nov 7)
**Brugge 0**
**Milan 1** (Angelo Carbone 46)
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 23,500. **Ref:** Syme (Sc).
Milan 1-0 on agg

**Brugge:** Verlinden – Plovie, Staelens, Janevski, Disztl, Borkelmans (Querter 65), Creve, Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Booy, Farina.

**Milan:** Pazzagli – Tassotti, Costacurta, Baresi, Maldini, Carbone (Gaudenzi 83), Rijkaard, Ancelotti, Evani, *Van Basten, Gullit (Massaro 75). *Van Basten (Milan) sent off, 80min.

Milan's Dutch centre-forward Marco Van Basten collected a four-match UEFA ban after being sent off for the elbow which fractured Pascal Plovie's cheekbone. Plovie's injury was not diagnosed as a fracture until he went for precautionary X-rays the following day. Plovie said: "I don't blame Van Basten. I don't think he intended to hit me that hard. But I had been giving him a tough time all night."

**CSKA Sofia 0**
**Bayern Munich 3 (Roland Wohlfarth 16, Stefan Effenberg 73, Alan McInally 82**
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 15,000. **Ref:** Sorensen (Den). On Nov 6.
Bayern 7-0 on agg

**CSKA:** Apostolov – N Donev, Bachev, Stoyanov, E Dimitrov, Ganchev, D Donev, Bakalov, Marashliev (Pavlov 70), A Dimitrov, Kirov (Nankov 55).

**Bayern:** Aumann – Reuter, Pflugler, Kohler, Augenthaler, Effenberg, Dorfner, Strunz (Bender 70), Wohlfarth (McInally 72), Thon, Laudrup.

**Malmo 1** (Torbjorn Persson 72pen)
**Dresden 1** (Torsten Gutschow 19pen)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 8,112. **Ref:** Waddell (Sc).
Dresden 5-4 on pens after extra time: agg 2-2

**Malmo:** Fedel – Nylen, Vondenburg, Ogren, Persson – Engqvist, P Andersson, Sundstrom (Skammelsrud 106), P Andersson (Dahlin 67 - **Lindman, Larsson.**

**Dresden:** Teuber – Lieberam, Buttner, Wagenhaus, Scholz (Kern 119), Schossler, Minge, Hauptmann, Ratke, Allievi (Jahnig 73), Gutschow.

**Marseille 6 (Jean-Pierre Papin 19, Philip Vercruysse 33, 44 83, Jean Tigana 88, Basile Boli 90**
**Lech Poznan 1** (Czeslaw Jakolcewicz 59pen)
**HT:** 3-0. Att: 40,000. **Ref:** Worrall (Eng).

**Marseille:** Olmeta – Boli, Casoni, Mozer, Di Meco, Pardo, Tigana, Vercruysse, Waddle (Lada 88), Papin, Pele (Stojkovic 70).

**Lech:** Sidorczuk – Rzepka, Beresynski, Lukasik, Jacolcewicz, Kufnyt, Gebura, Juskowiak (Woloszcuk 72), Moskal, Trzeciak (Bayer 17), Pachelski.

**Moscow Spartak 0**
**Napoli 0**
**Att:** 102,000. **Ref:** Girard (Fr).
Spartak 5-3 on pens after extra time: agg 0-0

Penalty sequence (Spartak names first): Karpin 1-0, Ferrara 1-1, Shalimov 2-1, Mauro 2-2, Shmarov 3-2, De Napoli miss; Kulkov 4-2, Maradona 4-3; Mostovoi 5-3.

**Spartak:** Cherchesov – Bazulev, Kulkov, Popov, Pozdnyakov, Karpin, Perepadenko, Shalimov, Shmarov, Mostovoi, Gradilenko.

**Napoli:** Galli – Ferrara, Francini, Crippa, Alemao, Baronii, Corradini, De Napoli, Mauro, Zola (Maradona 63), Incocciati.

This may prove the beginning of the end for Napoli's love/hate relationship with Diego Maradona. He refused to fly to Moscow with the team, chartered a private jet to catch up with them a day later but could not do enough to prevent elimination – despite appearing as a second-half substitute and converting his own penalty in the shoot-out.

**Porto 4** (Emil Kostadinov 2, 25, Geraldao 48pen, Domingos 63)
**Dinamo Bucharest 0**
**HT:** 2-0. Att: 45,000. **Ref:** Lanese (It).
Porto 4-0 on agg

**Porto:** Vitor Baia – Fernando Couto, Aloisio, Geraldao, P Pereira (Morgado 72), Kiki, J Magalhaes (Jorge Couto 72), Kostadinov, Domingos, Semedo, Andre.

**Dinamo:** Stelea – Mihaescu, Eduard (Marcu 46), Rednic, Matei, Dobos, Pana, Cheregi, Damaschin, Fulga (Radacanu 68), Zamfir.

**Rangers 1** (McCoist 76)
**Red Star 1** (Pancev 52)
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 23,821. **Ref:** Karlsson (Swe).
Red Star 4-1 on agg

**Rangers:** Woods – Stevens, Munro, Gough, Spackman (Nisbet 57), Brown, Steven, Dodds (Robertson 46), McCoist, Hateley, Walters.

Red Star: Stojanovic (Kaludjerovic 46) – Radinovic, Maravic, Sabanadzovic, Belodedic, Najdoski, Prosinecki, Pancev, Jugovic (Juric 89).

**Tirol 2** (Hortnagl 14, Linzmaier 89)
**Real Madrid 2** (Losada 34, 44)
**HT:** 1-2. Att: 14,000. **Ref:** Blankenstein (Hol).
Real Madrid 11-3 on agg

**Tirol:** Hassler – Russ, Pieschl, Baur, Streiter, Linzmaier, Gorasito (Schneider 46), Hortnagl, Hartman, Daniek, Pacult.

**Madrid:** Jaro – Chendo, Hierro (Parra 50), Aragon, Solana, Tendillo, Michel, Hagi, Aldana, Losadam, Villaroya.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Second round, second legs (Nov 7)

**Barcelona 3** (Eusebio 17, Beguiristain 33, Pinilla 69)
**Fram Reykjavik 0**
**HT:** 2-0. Att: 19,000. **Ref:** Zakestidis (Gr).
Barcelona 5-1 on agg

Barcelona: Zubizarreta – Ferrer (Lopez Rekarte 66), Alesanco, Serna, Soler – Eusebio, Salinas, Stoichkov (Pinilla 51), Laudrup.

**Fram:** Kristinsson – Sveinsson, Jonsson, Ormslev, Thorpeinsson, Kristinn, Arnthorsson, Rognarsson (Markussou 64), Bjarnasson, Gudjersson, Baosson

**Dukla 2** (Ales Foldyna 51, Gunter Bittengel 72)
**Kiev Dynamo 2** (Sergei Yuran 6, 60)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 2,191. **Ref:** Werner (Pol).
Kiev 3-2 on agg
*** Foldyna (Dukla) and Alexanienkov (Kiev) sent off.**

**Estrela Amadora 1** (Duilio Dias 33)
**Liege 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 10,000. **Ref:** Spillane (RI).
Liege 2-1 on agg

**Juventus 4** (Angelo Alessio 3, Roberto Baggio 25pen, 46, 52)
**FK Austria 0**
**HT:** 2-0. Att: 19,000. **Ref:** Galler (Swz).
Juventus 8-0 on agg

**Legia 1** (Krzysztof Iwanicki 85)
**Aberdeen 0**
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 10,000. **Ref:** Sundell (Swe).
Legia 1-0 on agg

**Sampdoria (holders) 3** (Lombardo 16, Branca 28, 66)
**Olympiakos 1** (Nentidis 61)
**HT:** 2-0. Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Soriano Aladren (Sp).
Sampdoria 4-1 on agg

**Sampdoria:** Pagliuca – Mannini, Pari, Vierchowod, Lombardo, Mikhailichenko (Invernizzi 68), Cerezo (Lanna 43), Vialli, Branca, Dossena.

**Olympiakos:** Talikriadis – Pachaturidis, Karatiadis, Mavromatis, Chatzidis (Drakopulos 60), Tsaluhidis, Tsiantakis, Kofidis, Anastopulos, Nentidis (Sohanopulos 83), Mitropulos.

**Steaua 0**
**Montpellier 3 (Patrick Colleter 52, Patrice Garande 72, Vincent Guerin 81**
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 5,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe).
Montpellier 8-0 on agg

**Wrexham 0**
**Manchester United 2** (Robins 31, Bruce 35)
**HT:** 0-2. Att: 13,327. **Ref:** Milton Nielsen (Den).
Man United 5-0 on agg

UEFA CUP
Second round, second legs (Nov 7)
**Admira 1** (Marschall 53)
**Luzern 1** (Marini 89)
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 4,000. **Ref:** Shuk (SU).
Admira 2-1 on agg

**Anderlecht 3** (Verheyen 6, Oliveira 38, Rutjes 60pen)
**Omonia 0**
**HT:** 2-0. Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Olsen (Ice).
Anderlecht 4-1 on agg

**Atalanta 4** (Evair 2, Perrone 56, Nicolini 57, Bonacina 62)
**Fenerbahce 1** (Ismail 89)
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 18,000. **Ref:** Assenmacher (WG).
Atalanta 5-1 on agg

**Bayer Leverkusen 1** (Lesniak 28, Jorginho 78, Herrlich 81, Schreier 88)
**GKS Katowice 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 8,700 **Ref:** Natri (Fin).
Leverkusen 6-1 on agg

**Bologna 3** (Lajos Detari 19, Renato Villa 73, Pietro Mariani 84)
**Hearts 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 15,000. **Ref:** Van Swieten (Hol).
Bologna 4-3 on agg

**Bordeaux 1** (Ferreri 58)
**Magdeburg 0**
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 25,000 **Ref:** Pairetto (It).
On Nov 6.
Bordeaux 3-0 on agg

**Borussia Dortmund 1** (Zorc 39)
**Un Craiova 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 20,117. **Ref:** Dimitrov (Bul).
On Nov 6.
Dortmund 4-0 on agg

**Dundee Utd 0**
**Vitesse 4** (Latuheru 10, 37, Van der Brom 62pen, Eijer 73)
**HT:** 0-2. Att: 10,261. **Ref:** Heynemann (EG).
Vitesse 5-0 on agg

**Ferencvaros 0**
**Brondby 1** (Bent Christiansen 75)
**HT:** 0-0. Att: Behind closed doors. **Ref:** Vautrot (Fr).
Brondby 4-0 on agg

**Inter Bratislava 0**
**Koln 2** (Gotz 11, Janssen 62)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 8,000. **Ref:** Rosa Dos Santos (Por).
Koln 2-1 on agg

**Internazionale 3** (Klinsmann 6, Berti 62, Bianchi 74)
**Aston Villa 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 80,000. **Ref:** Spirin (SU).
Inter 3-2 on agg

**Monaco 1** (Georges Weah 14)
**Chernomorets Odessa 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 5,000. **Ref:** Hope (Sc).
Monaco 1-0 on agg

**Partizan 1** (Stevanovic 48)
**Real Sociedad 0**
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 40,000. **Ref:** Lo Bello (It).
On November 8.
Partizan 5-4 on pens: 1-1 agg

**Poli Timisoara 2** (Sorin Vlaicu 44, Constantin Varga 52pen)
**Sporting 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Muhmenthaler (Swz).
Sporting 7-2 on agg

**Roma 2** (Giannini 36, Voller 63pen)
**Valencia 1** (Fernando 71pen)
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 35,000. **Ref:** Biguet (Fr).
Roma 3-2 on agg

**Sevilla 2** (Bengoechea 25, Ramon 62)
**Moscow Torpedo 1** (Savichev 10)
**HT:** 1-1. Att: 26,700. **Ref:** Magni (It).
Torpedo 4-3 on agg

LEADING SCORERS

Champions' Cup: Pacult (Tirol) 6; Hugo Sanchez, Losada (Real Madrid), Johnston (Rangers) 5 goals.
Cup-winners Cup: Baggio (Juventus) 7; Boffin (Liege ) 4.
**UEFA Cup:** Tishkov (Torpedo), Cadete (Sporting Lisbon) and Christensen (Brondby).

**Week ending OCTOBER 14**

## AUSTRIA

**Midweek:**

Wiener SC 2 (Avadanei 30, Dallos 67pen), St Polten 0. Att: 1,200. Admira 1 (Gretschnig 56), Vienna 0. Att: 800. Rapid 0, Alpine 2 (Stankovic 40, Guggi 89). Att: 2,500.
Krems 2 (Kempes 42, Miesbauer 55), FK Austria 2 (Pleva 6, Stoger27). Att: 3,000. Tirol 4 (Pacult 21, 33, Hortnagl 55, Danek 86), Sturm Graz 1(Wetl 71). Att: 6,000. A Salzburg 2 (Bierhof 22, H Weber 58), Vorwarts 1 (Madlener 76). Att: 7,000.

**Weekend:**

A Salzburg 0, Sturm Graz 1 (Wetl 34). Att: 8,000.
Tirol 3 (Pacult 37, 83, Danek 41), Alpine 0. Att: 6,000.
Rapid 2 (Herzog 48, Kienast 56), Vorwarts 0. Att: 4,000.
Kremis 1 (Kempes 15), Vienna 2 (Reinmayr 25, Spielmann 64). Att: 2,000. Admira 2 (Gretschnig 50, 68), St Polten 1 (Kranjcar 49). Att: 600.
Wiener SC 1 (Bleyer 18), FK Austria 1 (Stoger 73). Att: 5,000.

## BELGIUM

**Midweek:**

Standard 2 (Vos 35, Asselman 74), Liege 2 (Malbasa 11, Ernes 85).Att: 25,000.
Beerschot 4 (Talbut 7, Prince Polley 31, 37, Makhi 33), StTruiden 0. Att: 3,000.
RWD Molenbeek 4 (Thairet 15, De Meersman 34, Wellens 46, 49pen), Cercle 3 (Weber 20, 30, Karacic 42pen). Att: 4,000.
Mechelen 0, Lokeren 0. Att: 7,100.
Lierse 0, Anderlecht 4 (Oliveira 2, Nilis 15, 74, Kooiman 26).Att: 8,000.
Brugge 1 (Booy 8), Kortrijk 1 (Kruzen 77). Att: 12,000.
Charleroi 2 (Van der Elst 53, Hurtado 71), Gent 2 (Vandenbergh24, Janssens 69). Att: 16,000.
Genk 1 (Bucan 38), Germinal Ekeren 1 (Tahamata 30). Att: 5,800.
Waregem 1 (Niederbacher 65), Antwerp 5 (Claesen 35, 89, Lashof 48, Van Rooy 88, Vangeneugden 90). Att: 3,000.

## GREECE

Ioannina 0, PAOK 2. AEK 0, Athinaikos 0.
Doxa Drama 3, Levadiakos 1.
Iraklis'1, Serres 1.
Panionios 1, Apollon 0
Panathinaikos 0, Panahaiki 0.
Ionikos 0, OFI 2.
Larisa 1, Olympiakos 1.
Xanthi 1, Aris 1.

## HOLLAND

**Midweek:**

Volendam 2 (Steur 3, Peters 75), Vitesse 1 (Van de Brom 27). Att: 4,200.

**Weekend:**

Volendam 0, Den Haag 2 (Schellevis 49, Lems 88). Att: 5,000.

## ITALY

**Midweek:**

Cup 2nd rnd, 2nd legs: Pescara 1, Atalanta 0.

## SPAIN

Gijon 1 (Iordanov 87), At Madrid 2 (Sabas 62, Rodax 68). Att: 32,400.
Osasuna 0, Barcelona 0. Att: 29,100.
Bilbao 1 (Urrutia 72), Castellon 1 (Arozarena 44). Att: 31,500.
Tenerife 0, Sevilla 4 (Polster 5, 18, 68, Bengoechea 74). Att: 19,200.
Valladolid 5 (Alberto 3, 10, Moya 16, Cuya 78, 83), Mallorca 1(Nadir 89). Att: 15,700.
Betis 1 (Mel 37), Zaragoza 1 (Higuera 32). Att: 37,200.
Valencia 2 (Penev 32, 44pen), Cadiz 1 (Jose 58). Att: 33,100.
Espanol 1 (Gay 30), Real Sociedad 0. Att: 26,400.
Real Madrid 0, Logrones 0. Att: 72,300.
Burgos 4 (Juric 42, Balint 62pen, Ayucar 78, 86), Oviedo 0. Att: 17,100.

## SWITZERLAND

**Midweek:**

Aarau 2, Zurich 1.
Grasshoppers 2, Wettingen 2.
Lausanne 3, Luzern 3.
Lugano 0, Young Boys 0.
Neuchatel 1, St Gallen 0.
Sion 2, Servette 1.

## WEST GERMANY

Karlsruhe 1 (Glesius 6), Wattenscheid 3 (Sane 19, 84, 86). Att: 18,000.
Werder Bremen 4 (Voitava 5, Harttgen 41, 71, Allofs 57), BayerUerdingen 3 (Bartram 1, Zietsch 59, 83). Att: 18,000.
Fortuna D'dorf 0, St Pauli 0. Att: 11,500.
Kaiserslautern 2 (Dooley 28, Goldbaek 52), Stuttgart 0. Att: 33,000.
Eintracht Frankfurt 3 (Yeboah 50, Moller 67, Grundel 72), Borussia Dortmund 1 (Strerath 84). Att: 25,000.
Koln 4 (Ordenewitz 4, Janssen 25, Banach 39, Steiner 86), Bayern Munich 0. Att: 60,000.
Borussia Mg 2 (Criens 22, Max 49), Nurnberg 0. Att: 16,500.
Bochum 3 (Rehaczek 44, Kohn 74, 89), Leverkusen 1 (Kirsten 41). Att: 20,000.
Hamburg 2 (Beiersdorfer 38, Furtok 88), Hertha Berlin 0. Att: 17,000.

**Week ending OCTOBER 21**

## AUSTRIA

Sturm Graz 0, Krems 0. Att: 2,000.
Alpine 1 (Stankovic 76), Admira Wacker 3 (Bacher 25, Ogris 57,Marschall 88). Att: 2,500.
Vienna 0, Rapid 2 (Fjortoft 36, Pfeifenberger 54). Att: 5,000.
Vorwarts 2 (Petrovic 20, Waldhoer 75), Wiener SC 1 (Hauptmann 35). Att: 3,000.
FK Austria 1 (Milevski 35), Tirol 1 (Lizmaier 64). Att: 6,000.
St Polten 1 (Bierhoff 28), A Salzburg 2 (Schreiber 20, Kranjcar 68). Att: 2,200.

## BELGIUM

Liege 2 (Malbasa 82, 89), Beerschot 0. Att: 5,500.
Gent 1 (Viscaal 42)), Standard 1 (Vandersmissen 50). Att: 18,000.
Anderlecht 5 (Nilis 4, 68, 89, Oliveira 5pen, 61), Brugge 1 (Ceulemans 58). Att: 30,000.
Antwerp 1 (Lashof 52), RWD Molenbeek 1 (Lorincz 86). Att: 4,000.
St Truiden 3 (Nwosu 6pen, Cnops 39, Moors 74), Waregem 1 (Teppers19). Att: 4,800.
Kortrijk 2 (Eikelboom 29, Janssen 60), Charleroi 1 (Beugnies 75). Att: 3,000.
Germinal Ekeren 1 (Hofmans 41), Lierse 0. Att: 4,000.
Lokeren 4 (Myyry 10, Meszaros 11, De Roover 30, Samson 74), Genk2 (Gyimesi 16, Ngapy 37). Att: 2,500.
Cercle 0, Mechelen 2 (Severeyns 16, 61). Att: 4,000.

## FRANCE

Auxerre 1 (Cocard 71), Lyon 0. Att: 7,000.
Montpellier v Metz pstpnd.
Monaco 2 (Dib 15, Diaz 18), Toulouse 1 (Bastere 88). Att: 3,500.
Toulon 3 (Anziani 49pen, Zahoui 52, 79), Nantes 1 (Robert 58pen). Att: 7,000.
St-Etienne 1 (Tibeuf 78), Cannes 0. Att: 7,000.
Rennes 1 (Omam Biyik 67), Caen 1 (Germain 18). Att: 15,000.
Paris SG 2 (Susic 1, 68), Lille 0. Att: 10,000.
Nancy 2 (Tarasiewicz 35pen, Zavarov 80), Nice 1 (Roy 43). Att: 5,000.
Sochaux 2 (Henry 28, Prat 66), Marseille 1 (Papin 58pen). Att: 8,000.
Brest 4 (Kane 44pen, 67, Salaun 48, Ginola 77pen), Bordeaux 0. Att: 17,000.

## GREECE

No matches because of municipal elections.

## HOLLAND

PSV Eindhoven 3 (Romario 14, Ellerman 27, 62), RKC 1 (Moniz 82). Att: 23,400.
MVV 1 (Van Berge Henegouwen 32pen), Roda 2 (Arnold 9, Haan 65). Att: 8,000.
NEC Nijmegen 0, Den Haag 0. Att: 3,500.
Utrecht 0, Ajax 0. Att: 16,000.
Volendam 2 (Steur 43, Berghuis 44), Sparta 2 (Sandel 8, Houtman 26). Att: 4,500.
Groningen 2 (Ten Caat 17, Durovski 34), SVV 2 (Breetveld 14, Luhukay 44). Att: 13,946.
Twente 0, Vitesse 2 (Van den Brom 51, Latuheru 89). Att: 5,700.
Fortuna 2 (De Jong 6, Doufikar 58), Willem II 0. Att: 6,000.
Feyenoord 1 (Griga 10), Heerenveen 1 (Van Dijk 49). Att: 14,562.

## ITALY

Bari 4 (Maiellaro 53, 89, Joao Paulo 73, 81), Genoa 0. Att: 15,000.
Bologna 0, Cesena 1 (Ciocci 66). Att: 17,000
Cagliari 1 (Fusi og 30), Torino 2 (Bresciani 52, Romano 62). Att: 35,000.
Fiorentina 2 (Lubik 43, Buso 84), Parma 3 (Melli 18, 21, Brolin38). Att: 30,000.
Inter 6 (Serena 3, 43, 86, Bergomi 27, Matthaus 56, 67), Pisa 3 (Piovanelli 49,63, Stringara og 60). Att: 40,000.
Juventus 0, Lazio 0. Att: 34,000.
Napoli 1 (Maradona 83), Milan 1 (Gullit 88). Att: 72,000.
Roma 3 (Salsano 54, Rizzitelli 62, Voller 73), Lecce 0. Att: 40,000.
Sampdoria 4 (Mancini 26, 86, Branca 44, 72), Atalanta 1 (Evair43). Att: 25,000.



# EUROPEAN LEAGUE RESULTS

## PORTUGAL

Belenenses 2, Beira Mar 2.
Boavista 2, Gil Vicente 1.
Braga 1, Chaves 1.
Estrela Amadora 0, Maritimo 2.
Famalicao 2, Tirsense 1.
Nacional 0, Sporting 2 (Douglas 59, Leal 76).
Penafiel 4, Farense 1.
Salgueiros 0, Vitoria Guimaraes 0.
Setubal 0, Porto 2 (Couto 35, Semedo 85).
Uniao 0, Benfica 2 (Ricardo 13, Schwarz 15).

## SPAIN

At Madrid 0, v Burgos 0. Att: 32,600.
Barcelona 3 (Amor 9, 51, Koeman 54pen), Gijon 2 (Oscar 1, LuisEnrique 46). Att: 87,000.
Castellon 1 (Raul 62), Osasuna 0. Att: 13,100.
Sevilla 3 (Bengoechea 20, Zamorano 58, 90), Bilbao 0. Att: 29,400.
Mallorca 0, Tenerife 1 (Torrecilla 70). Att: 13,800.
Zaragoza 2 (Poyet 32, Mateut 53), Valladolid 2 (Fonseca 50, Cuca65). Att: 21,400.
Cadiz 1 (Jose 80), Betis 2 (Linares og 62, Rodriguez 78). Att: 20,300.
Real Sociedad 1 (Aldridge 74pen), Valencia 0. Att: 13,200.
Logrones 1 (Cristobal 75), Espanol 0. Att: 13,200.
Oviedo 0, Real Madrid 0. Att: 21,500.

## WEST GERMANY

St Pauli 3 (Golke 4, 70, Steubing 54), Bochum 3 (Kohn 7,Heinemann 12, Peschel 87). Att: 20,450.
Leverkusen 0, Werder Bremen 0. Att: 15,000.
Wattenscheid 1 (Hartmann 79), Borussia Dortmund 1 (Zorc 79). Att: 43,000.
Nurnberg 0, Koln 4 (Sturm 3, 19, Janssen 81, Banach 87). Att: 20,100.
Bayern Munich 6 (Wohlfarth 2, Laudrup 17, Pflugler 42, Strunz 48,Reuter 60, Sternkopf 78), Hamburg 1 (Stratos 24). Att: 25,000.
Hertha Berlin 1 (Kruse 19), Eintracht Frankfurt 0. Att: 18,405.
Karlsruhe 4 (H Hermann 3, Reichert 20, 21, Schutterle 44),Kaiserslautern 2 (Ernst 40, Kranz 42). Att: 26,000.
Stuttgart 1 (Kogl 87pen), Fortuna 1 (Hey 84). Att: 17,400.
Bayer Uerdingen 1 (1 (Klinger 7), Borussia Mg 1 (Criens 24pen).Att: 23,000.

**Week ending OCTOBER 28**

## BELGIUM

Cup: Genk 2, Ekeren 0; Hoogstraten 1, Boom 0; Lierse 1, Charleroi2 aet; Standard 4, Aarschot 2; Antwerp 5, Beerschot 0; Beveren 1,Eekio 1; Racing Jet 3, Kortijk 0; Gent 0, Mechelen 0; Patro Eisden 0, Zwarte Leeuw 1; FC Liege 3, Eendracht Aalst 0; Diest 1,Mechelen 3; Brugge 2, Geel 0; Bornem 0, Anderlecht 6; Lyra 0,Tongeren 1; Roselare 2, Lommel 4; Lokeren 1, Stade Leuven 1.

## FRANCE

Nantes 2 (Desailly 5, Ferri 28), Rennes 0. Att: 15,697.
Caen 0, Auxerre 1 (Cocard 32). Att: 6,598.
Metz 0, Toulon 0. Att: 9,020.
Lille 1 (Assadourian 68), Montpellier 0. Att: 7,968.
Bordeaux 5 (Senac 49, Vervoort 65, Lizarzu 81, Ferreri 83, 87),Nancy 0. Att: 12,609.
Lyon 1 (Garde 21), Nice 0. Att: 18,653.
Marseille 3 (Cantona 36, Bolik 70, Van Herpen og 89), Brest 1(Kane 26pen). Att: 35,499.
Toulouse 0, St Etienne 0. Att: 6,712.
Cannes 1 (Milmaric 24), Sochaux 1 (Dewilder 25). Att: 16,819.
Monaco 2 (Diaz 35pen, 59), Paris SG 0. Att: 3,500.

## HOLLAND

SVV Schiedam 1 (Breetveld 53), NEC Nijmegen 0. Att: 2,753.
Sparta v MVV Maastricht pstpnd. Ajax 3 (Wouters 8, Pettersson 85, Bergkamp 90), PSV Eindhoven 1 (Ellerman 55). Att: 52,000.
Den Haag 3 (Valk 3, Danen 45, A Vriesde 86), Heerenveen 2 (Decheiver 12, Goulooze 44). Att: 5,000.
Roda 1 (Trost 51), RKC 0. Att: 5,000.
Twente 1 (Mrkela 31), Feyenoord 1 (Kiprich 43). Att: 6,500.
Fortuna 0, Groningen 0. Att: 8,500.
Willem II 4 (Sylla 13, 31, 63, Dijkstra 81), Volendam 1 (Berghuis38). Att: 6,400.
Vitesse 1 (De Kock og), Utrecht 0. Att: 5,082.

## ITALY

Cesena 2 (Silas 23, Barcella 83), Torino 2 (Benedetti 12,Bresciani 80). Att: 19,000.
Genoa 0, Bologna 0. Att: 23,000.
Juventus 4 (Baggio 1pen, Casiraghi 14, Schillaci 56, De Agostini64), Inter 2 (Matthaus 33, Klinsmann 80). Att: 55,000.
Lazio 1 (Sosa 45), Bari 1 (Raducioiu 25). Att: 35,000.
Lecce 0, Atalanta 0. Att: 15,000.
Milan 0, Sampdoria 1 (Cerezo 67). Att: 71,000.
Napoli 1 (Ferrara 1), Fiorentina 0. Att: 50,000.
Parma 2 (Brolin 33, Nela og 45), Roma 1 (Giannini 38). Att: 17,500.
Pisa 1 (Pulga og 20), Cagliari 0. Att: 10,693.

## PORTUGAL

Benfica 3 (Rui Aguas 24, Schwarz 48, 76), Nacional 0.
Porto 2 (Paille 10, Geraldao 53), Famalicao 0.
Sporting 1 (Oceano 25), Setubal 0.
Guimaraes 0, Boavista 1.
Gil Vicente 2, Belenenses 1.
Beira Mar 2, Estrela 1.
Tirsense 1, Braga 0.
Maritimo 2, Uniao 0.
Penafiel 1, Salgueiros 0.
Farense 2, Chaves 0.

## SPAIN

At Madrid 2 (Schuster 52, Futre 69), Barcelona 1 (Stoichkov 54). Att: 55,000
Gijon 1 (Luis Enrique 73), Castellon 0. Att: 17,000.
Osasuna 1 (Urban 23), Sevilla 0. Att: 15,000.
Bilbao 1 (Valverde 42, Urutia 63), Mallorca 0. Att: 25,000.
Tenerife 0, Zaragoza 2 (Mateut 32, 47). Att: 24,000.
Valladolid 0, Cadiz 0. Att: 14,000.
Betis 1 (Valentin 58), Real Sociedad 1 (Urena og 8). Att: 20,000.
Valencia 0, Logrones 1 (Gilson 34). Att: 35,000.
Espanol 5 (Mendiondo 76, Ogris 80, 90, Gabino 84, Wuttke 89),Oviedo 0. Att: 25,000.
Burgos 2 (Juric 68, 89), Real Madrid 1 (Sanchez 50). Att: 20,000.

## SWITZERLAND

Aarau 2, Young Boys 1.
Grasshoppers 1, Servette 1.
Lausanne 3, St Gallen 1.
Lugano 3, Zurich 0.
Neuchatel 1, Luzern 1.
Sion 3, Wettingen 2.

## WEST GERMANY

Werder Bremen 1 (Harttgen 65), St Pauli 0. Att: 23,192.
Bochum 1 (Legat 51), Stuttgart 1 (Gaudino 74). Att: 17,501.
Fortuna 5 (Waltz 3, 83, Andersen 18, Hey 52, Schutz 89), Karlruhe2 (Glesius 13, Schutterle 53). Att: 8,000.
Kaiserslautern 1 (Haber 30), Wattenscheid 1 (Hartman 12). Att: 28,600.
Borussia Dortmund 3 (Mill 71, Zorc 81pen, Kutowski 90), Hertha 1(Gries 6). Att: 32,000.
Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Eckstein 82), Bayern Munich 4 (Wohlfarth 28, Laudrup 40, Effenberg 64, Kohler 75). Att: 60,947.
Hamburg 4 (Doll 9, Furtok 22, Eck 83, Nando 84), Nurnberg 0. Att: 16,900.
Koln 3 (Sturm 42, 47, Greiner 79), Bayer Uerdingen 1 (W Funkel78pen). Att: 13,000.
Borussia Mg 1 (Criens 41), Leverkusen 1 (Schreier 65). Att: 17,669.

**Week ending NOVEMBER 4**

## AUSTRIA

FK Austria 1 (Frind 17), Aus Salzburg 0. Att: 2,000.
St Polten 1 (Diaz 7), Rapid 0. Att: 3,300.
Vienna 0, Tirol 0. Att: 1,500. Alpine 2(Griessler 24, Paritis 76), Krems 1 (Stankovic 45). Att: 2,000.
Vorwarts 0, Admira 0. Att: 3,000.
Sturm 3 (Kristensen 11, Holzer 53, Temm 89), Wiener SC 0. Att: 2,500.

## BELGIUM

Beerschot 2 (Talbut 36, 73pen), Gent 3 (Verdeghem 16, Vandenbergh 47, Balenga 88). Att: 3,500.
Mechelen 2 (B Versavel 35, Severeyns 49), Antwerp 2 (Lashaf 28,Lehnhoff 55). Att: 9,800.

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### ALBANIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Flamurtari Vlore | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 5 | 20 |
| Partizani Tirene | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 31 | 11 | 18 |
| Dinamo Tirana | 12 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 15 |
| Apolina Fieri | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 9 | 15 |
| 17 Nentori Tirana | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 14 | 14 |
| Vllaznie Shkodre | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 13 |
| Tomori Berati | 12 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 16 | 17 | 11 |
| Traktori Lushnje | 12 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 10 |
| Labinoti El Basani | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 10 |
| Kastrioti Kruja | 12 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 22 | 10 |
| Skenderbeu | 12 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 9 |
| Lokomotiv | 12 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 9 |
| Besa Kavaja | 12 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 8 |
| Luftetari Gjirokastra | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 18 | 7 |

### AUSTRIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tyrol | 21 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 45 | 18 | 30 |
| Austria | 21 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 42 | 19 | 18 |
| Rapid | 21 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 42 | 21 | 27 |
| Sturm Craz | 21 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 23 | 26 |
| Austria Selzburg | 21 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 37 | 27 | 25 |
| Vorwaerts Stevr | 21 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 32 | 33 | 20 |
| DSV Alpine | 21 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 25 | 38 | 20 |
| Admira Wacker | 21 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 16 | 28 | 18 |
| Wiener SC | 21 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 23 | 37 | 17 |
| Vienna | 21 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 27 | 42 | 17 |
| Kremz | 21 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 18 | 36 | 13 |
| St Poelten | 21 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 16 | 48 | 10 |

### BELGIUM

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Standard | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 21 | 8 | 16 |
| Gent | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 9 | 16 |
| Brugge | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 9 | 15 |
| Anderlecht | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 8 | 14 |
| Mechelen | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 11 | 13 |
| Antwerp | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 13 | 11 |
| Lokeren | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 10 |
| Charleroi | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 11 | 10 |
| Ekeren | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 16 | 10 |
| Liege | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 9 |
| RWDM | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 15 | 8 |
| Cercle | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 17 | 8 |
| Kortrijk | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 22 | 7 |
| Waregem | 10 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 7 |
| St Truiden | 10 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 7 |
| Beerschot | 10 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 

# INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
**Oct 17 = Bucharest – EC gp 2**
**Romania 0**
**Bulgaria 3** (Sirakov 30, Todorov 46, 77)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Rosa dos Santos (Por).

**Romania:** Stelea – Petrescu, Klein (Sandoi 46), Andone, Rotariu, Popescu, Lacatus, Sabau, Raducioiu (Balint 46), Hagi, Lupescu.

**Bulgaria:** Mikhailov – Dochev, Ivanov, Vassev, Iliev, Yankov, Yanchev, Stoichkov, Balakov, Sirakov (E Kostadinov 75), Yordanov (Todorov 46).

Romania fielded most of their big-names exports yet crashed to a remarkable defeat against a Bulgarian side who are rarely seen across the halfway line in away games. This was the Bulgarians biggest win against Romania in 65 years and must have shocked even Bulgarian manager Ivan Vutsov. Before the game he had described his team's chances of victory as "virtually non-existent." Romania never looked as much of an attacking threat as the Bulgarians, who counter-attacked with speed and purpose. Nasko Sirakov provided a first-half lead and substitute Nikolai Todorov scored twice in the second. His first goal arrived immediately after the interval, his second on a pass from Emil Kostadinov who had only just entered the game as substitute for injured Sirakov.

**Oct 17 = Glasgow/Hampden – EC gp 2**
**Scotland 2** (Robertson 34pen, McAllister 52)
**Switzerland 1** (Knup 66pen)
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 27,740. **Ref:** Palsi (Fin).

**Scotland:** Goram – McKimmie, Nicol, McCall, McPherson, Mcleish, Robertson, McAllister (Collins 79), McCoist, MacLeod, Boyd (Durie 68).

Switzerland: Walker – Piffaretti (B Sutter 80), Schepull (Chassot 73), Herr, *Egli, Bickel, Knup, Hermann, Turkyilmaz, A Sutter, Chapuisat. *Egli sent off, 89min.

Switzerland manager Uli Stielike was left tearing what little remains of his hair after Scotland again rode their European championship luck.
Switzerland appeared fortunate early on when McCoist shot wide from the penalty spot after he had been brought down by Walker. But when Scotland were awarded another spot-kick – a controversial award for deliberate hands against Andre Egli – Robertson took over and made no mistake.
McAllister struck his first goal for Scotland after 52 minutes when the Swiss defence stopped, waiting for an offside flag which never came. But the Swiss more than deserved the goal they pulled back through Adrian Knup, from yet another penalty, after Turkyilmaz was elbowed over by McLeish. Just before that Heinz Hermann had an effort cleared off the line while Turkyilmaz wasted two superb chances to equalise in the closing stages. Egli probably wished he had not agreed to end his three-year self-imposed exile from the national team: not only was he penalised for hands, he was also sent off in the last minute for a blatant body-check on Durie.

**Oct 17 = Budapest – EC gp 3**
**Hungary 1** (Disztl 16)
**Italy 1** (Baggio 54pen)
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Karlsson (Swe)

**Hungary:** Petry – Monos, L Disztl, Garaba (Fodor 60), Szalma, Bognar, Limperger, Kiprich, Kozma (Urbanyi 87), Lorincz, K Kovacs.

**Italy:** Zenga – Bergomi, De Agostini, F Baresi, Ferri, Marocchi, Donadoni, De Napoli, Schillaci (Serena 80), Giannini (Berti 87), Baggio.

Hungary raised the pace of their game to a remarkable degree for the visit of the Italians. Veteran Gyorgy Bognar was soon pulling the strings in midfield, aided and abetted by the hard-working Lorincz. Thus it took Hungary only 16 minutes to take the lead through Laszlo Disztl's header to a near-post corner from Bognar. Italy hit back in the second half when De Napoli was brought down by Garaba and Baggio sent goalkeeper Petry the wrong way with his penalty kick. Hungary then returned to the attack and Italy lived dangerously – twice surviving Hungarian penalty claims – on their way to the final whistle.

**Oct 17 = Belfast – EC gp 4**
**N Ireland 1** (Clarke 57)
**Denmark 1** (Bartram 11pen)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 10,000. **Ref:** Philippi (Lux).

**N Ireland:** Kee – Donaghy, Worthington, Taggart, McDonald, Rogan, D Wilson, O'Neill (McBride 72), Dowie, Clarke, Black.

**Denmark:** Schmeichel – Sivebaek, K Nielsen, L Olsen, Heintze, Bartram, J Larsen, Vilfort, Povlsen, M Laudrup (Helt 70), B Laudrup (Elstrup 70).

Denmark provided the skill but Northern Ireland provided the spirit and the result was a well-earned draw. The Danes took the lead after only 11 minutes when Brian Laudrup was tripped by Colin O'Neill and Jan Bartram rapped home the penalty. Early in the second half the Irish several times went close. But eventually Gerry Taggart threaded an inch-perfect pass through the Danish defence and Colin Clarke scored his eighth goal in 25 **internationals. His shot squeezed over the goal-line, with the diving Schmeichel managing only to take the pace off the ball.**

**Oct 17 = Cardiff – EC gp 5**
**Wales 3** (Rush 29, Saunders 82, Hughes 87)
**Belgium 1** (B Versavel 24)
**HT:** 1-1. Att: 12,000. **Ref:** Rothliesberger (Swz).

**Wales:** Southall – Blackmore, Bodin, Aizlewood, Young, Ratcliffe, Horne, Nicholas, Rush, Hughes, Saunders.

**Belgium:** Preud'homme – Gerets, Grun, De Wolf, B Versavel, Emmers, Demol, Van der Elst, Nilis (Wilmots 73), Scifo, Ceulemans.

Wales hit back from a goal down to run up a creditable victory in Cardiff Arms Park (which is on the shortlist to stage the Cup-winners' Cup Final). This was only Wales' second win in 13 games and a first competitive success for manager Terry Yorath. Belgium took the lead after 24 minutes when Versavel comnverted a long pass from Enzo Scifo. Wales equalised five minutes later when Rush chipped home a pass from Saunders. This was Rush's first international goal in 28 months. The match appeared to be locked up for a draw when Wales struck twice in the last eight minutes. Saunders scored after Horne headed down a Bodin free kick and then Mark Hughes forged through from midfield to set the seal on success.

**Oct 17 = Lisbon – EC gp 6**
**Portugal 1** (Rui Aguas 54)
**Holland 0**
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 35,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG)

**Portugal:** Silvino – Joao Pinto, Oceano, Venancio, Veloso, Leal – Vitor Paneira, Semedo (Ferreira 89), Nelo (Carlos Xavier 86) – Rui Aguas, Cadete.

**Holland:** Van Breukelen – Blind, Valckx, Van Tiggelen (Van't Schip 59), Rutjes, De Boer (Gillhaus 59) – Vanenburg, Gullit, Witschge – Bergkamp, Van Basten.

Holland began the defence of their European championship with a disappointing defeat. They played without the 'retired' Frank Rijkaard and manager Rinus Michels also dropped Ronald Koeman for disciplinary reasons – Koeman had publicly criticised Holland's tactics in their previous friendly against Italy as "too defensive." The decisive goal arrived nine minutes into the second. Debutant defender Frank De Boer was caught in two minds at a throw-in, giving Vitor Paneira time and the opportunity to flight in a cross which Rui Aguas headed home.

**Oct 17 = Wembley – EC gp 7**
**England 2** (Lineker 39pen, Beardsley 89)
**Poland 0**
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 77,040. **Ref:** Lanese (It).

**England:** Woods – Parker, Wright, Walker – Dixon, Platt, Gascoigne, Pearce – Bull (Beardsley 56), Lineker (Waddle 56), Barnes.

**Poland:** Wandzik – Czachowski, Kaczmarek, Wdowczyk – R Warzycha, Tarasiewicz, Szewczyk, Furtok (K Warzycha 75), Nawrocki – Kosecki (Kubicki 85), Ziober.

England collected what manager Graham Taylor defined as "a hard-won victory" to open their European championship campaign the best possible way – 17 years from the day when Poland forced a famous 1-1 draw at Wembley to dump England out of the 1974 World Cup. The first shot of the night came from Poland's Tarasiewicz after seven minutes but Woods saved comfortably. At the other end there were half chances for Dixon and Bull before skipper Gary Lineker shot England ahead from a penalty after his own header had been punched off the goal-line by Nawrocki. That goal took much of the skilful sting out of Poland in the second half. Lineker collected a head gash which needed eight stitches and England brought on a double substitution in the shape of Waddle and Beardsley for the injured Lineker and Bull. The switch paid off finally six seconds from the end of normal time when Dixon fed Beardsley out on the right and the Liverpool forward struck a swerving near-post drive beyond keeper Wandzik's left hand. Poland manager Andrzej Strelau, asked to sum up the match, said: "You can see that I have more problems than Mr Taylor."

**Oct 17 = Dublin/Lansdowne Road – EC gp 7**
**Rep Ireland (Aldridge 15, 57, 72, O'Leary 41, Quinn 66**
**Turkey 0**
**HT:** 2-0. Att: 46,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe).

**Rep Ireland:** Bonner – Irwin, Staunton, McCarthy, O'Leary, Hughton, Townsend (Moran 75), Houghton, Quinn (Cascarino 69), Aldridge, Sheridan.

**Turkey:** Engin – Riza, Turgay, Kemal, Gokhan, Erkan (Metin 46), Bulent, Oguz, Mehmet, Hami, Sercan (Tanju 46).

The Irish Republic, despite an injury crisis, played perhaps the most attractive and lively football of Jack Charlton's managerial reign. Turkey did not play badly; at times they demonstrated skill and pace. But they lacked international experience and once the Irish were ahead Turkey never looked like staging a recovery. John Aldridge collected his first international hat-trick while Kevin Moran played as an emergency measure – he had announced his international retirement after the World Cup and had initially travelled to Dublin to collect a special for topping 50 caps. David O'Leary also had something to celebrate in his first goal for his country.

**Oct 17 = Santiago – intl friendly**
**Chile 0**
**Brazil 0**
**Att:** 30,000.

**Chile:** Cornez – Espinoza, Vargas, Pizarro, L Garrido,
**Vilches, J R Garrido, Estay, Contreras (Perez 82), Jorge Aravena, Martinez (Gonzalez 61).**

**Brazil:** Sergio – Gil Baiano, Leonardo, Donizete, Paulao, Adilson, Cafu, Moacir, Charles, Neto (Bismarck 74), Tulio (Valdeir 62).

This was the first of two friendlies aimed at 'normalising' football relations between the countries in the wake of the Rojas Scandal during the last World Cup qualifiers. There were yellow cards for Neto, Paulao and Cafu but no serious incidents. If anything, the game was too too-key, with few moves to enliven the crowd and few chances. Cafu wasted Brazil's best opening in the 53rd minute with only goalkeeper Cornez to beat, then Leonardo shot weakly after a clever backheel Tulio fooled the Chilean defence. Chile dominated the closing stages, with Garrido, Aravena and Gonzalez testing Sergio.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31
**Oct 31 = Athens – EC gp 6**
**Greece 4** (Tsiantakis 37, Karapialis 43, Saravakos 59, Borbokis 88)
**Malta 0**
**HT:** 2-0. Att: 17,500. **Ref:** Gracunesciou (Rom)

Greece: Theo Papadopulos – G Papadopulos, Apostolakis, Manolas, Kalitzakis, Tsaluhidis, Saravakos, Kofidis, Dimitriadis (Borbokis 35), Karapialis, Tsiantakis.

**Malta:** Cini – S Vella, Carabott, Galea, Buttigieg, Laferla, Busuttil, C Scerri, Suda (De Giorgio 41), R Vella, Zerafa.

Greece won easily on their European championship debut. They could have gone ahead after 14 minutes but Saravakos, having been brought down by Galea, shot his penalty against the bar. After 31 minutes Herbert Suda forced a sharp save out of Greek keeper Papadopulos before Nikos Tsiantakis opened the scoring after 37 minutes with a 25-yard drive. Midfielder Vasilis Karapialis increased the lead before the interval and a Borbokis header to a Saravakos cross was cleared off the line in the 44th minute. Malta missed their only chance in the 57th minute when Charles Scerri shot wide with only the goalkeeper to beat. Two minutes later a foul on Karapialis produced a free kick from which Saravakos scored the Greeks' third. It was his 18th goal in 58 internationals. Substitute Stefanos Borbokis rounded off the scoring two minutes from time.

**Oct 31 = Budapest – EC gp 3**
**Hungary 4** (Lorincz 1, Christodolou og 20, Kiprich 21pen, 67pen)
**Cyprus 2** (Xiurupas 13, Tsolakis 89)
**HT:** 3-1. Att: 3,000. **Ref:** Kotherja (Alb)

**Hungary:** Petry – L Disztl, Monos, Garaba, Limperger, Szalma, Kozma (Discher 56), Bognar, Lorincz, Kiprich (Rugovics 75), K Kovacs.

**Cyprus:** Onisiforu – Kalotheou, Miamiliotis, Christodolu, Socratous, Yiangudakis, Andreou (Tsolakis 59), Savva, Kastanas, Constantinu (Orthanides 73), Xiurupas.

Cyprus made the worst possible start to their Euro'92 campaign, conceding a goal after just one minute when Emil Lorincz headed home an Istvan Kozma corner. Panikos Xiurupas surprised Hungary with an equaliser after 13 minutes but George Christodolu lucklessly deflected a Lorincz header past his own goalkeeper to hand Hungary the lead again. When Christodolu then tripped Kalman Kovacs, Jozsef Kiprich increased Hungary's lead from the penalty spot. In the 69th minute Kiprich converted another penalty after being tripped by Spiros Kastanas. Substitute Angelo Tsolakis scored a late goal for Cyprus which made the scoreline look rather more respectable. Hungary manager Kalman Meszoly said: "We should have won 6-1 or 7-2. I thought we would find it harder. But the rain and the wet pitch didn't suit Cyprus at all."

**Oct 31 = Luxembourg – EC gp 5**
**Luxembourg 2** (Girres 57, Langers 66)
**West Germany 3** (Klinsmann 14, Bein 30, Voller 49)
**HT:** 0-2. Att: 9,500. **Ref:** Milton Nielsen (Den)

**Luxembourg:** Van Rijswijck – Malget, Bossi, Petry, Birsens, Groff, Hellers, Girres, Saibene (Leitz 85), Weis, Langers.

**W Germany:** Illgner – Binz, Berthold, Kohler, Strunz, Hassler, Matthaus, Bein (K Reinhardt 73), Brehme, Klinsmann, Voller.

A bad day for the World Cup holders. They only narrowly squeezed to victory in the end and police had to use batons to break up a group of German fans throwing bottles at people entering the newly-renovated Municipal stadium before the match. Earlier in the day police had turned back a number of German fans at the border after they were discovered carrying weapons and missiles. Shortly before the kick-off more German fans destroyed a fast-food stand, ripped out plastic seats and hurled more bottles and fireworks around. Fighting between rival fans also occurred during the game. As for the match, a typical diving header by Jurgen Klinsmann put the Germans ahead after Van Rijswijck failed to clear a Brehme cross and Thomas Hassler centred from the other side. Nice-based Roby Langers led the Luxembourg response but West Germany went further ahead when Bein shot against a post and tipped the ball home after Voller chased the rebound. Voller shot home a Brehme cross to increase the lead early in the second half. But Luxembourg hit back bravely.
Langers created a first goal for Jean-Paul Girres then scored a second himself after shaking off a challenge from Jurgen Kohler.
In the final minutes Luxembourg might even have equalised but the shaky German defence clung on thanks to good saves by Illgner from Birsens and Saibene. German skipper Lothar Matthaus said: "Playing like that we won't even qualify for the finals." Luxembourg coach Paul Philipp said: "I've never seen my team play so well."

**Oct 31 = Belgrade – EC gp 4**
**Yugoslavia 4** (Pancev 32, 52, 86, Katanec 43)
**Austria 1** (Andy Ogris 15)
**HT:** 2-1. Att: 17,500. **Ref:** Schmidhuber (WG)

**Yugoslavia:** Ivkovic – Vulic, Spasic, Katanec (Jarni 46), Hadzibegic, Jozic, Prosinecki, Susic (Boban 70), Pancev, Bazdarevic, Zlatko Vujovic.

**Austria:** Konsel – Aigner, Pecl, Streiter, Schottel, Reisinger, A Ogris, Artner, Polster, Herzog (Linzmaier 46), Hortnagl.

Yugoslavia won easily in their 500th international – a match which saw 'old boys' Susic and Vujovic recalled and Mehmet Bazdarevic play his first game after a year-long international suspension for insulting a referee. Austria took the lead thanks to an Andy Ogris solo. But Yugoslavia, who had already been foiled three times by Michael Konzel in Austria's goal, snatched the initiative with two goals in 13 minutes before half-time. Srecko Katanec laid on the first for Darko Pancev then scored the second himself, heading home a cross from Susic. Pancev completed the scoring – and his hat-trick – in the second half. Both goals were provided by crosses from substitute fullback Robert Jarni. Austria were only thankful that Yugoslavia were weakened by the absences of injury victims Dragan Stojkovic and Dejan Savicevic.

**Oct 31 = Oslo – friendly intl**
**Norway 6 (Bratseth 16, Bohinen 40, Dahlum 42, Fjortoft 69, 74 Sorloth 80**
**Cameroon 1** (Belle 86)
**HT:** 3-0. Att: 8,000. **Ref:** Sorensen (Den)

**Norway:** Thorstvedt – Tore Pedersen, Bratseth, Roger Nielsen, Erik Pedersen, Bohinen, Ahlsen, Leonhardsen, Halle, Gorloth, Dahlum.

**Cameroon:** Ademi – Ndip, Tataw, Onana, Ebwelle, Tapoko, Libih, Mbouh, Feutmba, Belle, Mfede.

Norway were far too good for a Cameroon who included three newcomers, compared with their World Cup squad. Once Werder Bremen's Rune Bratseth had opened the scoring, the African defence folded up. Rapid Vienna's Jan Age Fjortoft scored twice in the second half for Norway but Cameroon had the last word when Mfede created a consolation goal for Belle.

**Oct 31 = Milan – friendly intl**
**World XI 2** (Michel 34, Hagi 49)
**Brazil 1** (Neto 60)
**HT:** 1-0. Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Lanese (It)

World XI: Goicochea (Preud'homme 23; Nkono 46; Higuita 67) – Clijsters (Basualdo 46), Julio Cesar, Ruggeri (Kunde 46), De Leon (Calderon 46), Michel (Hagi 46), Alemao (Detari 46), Martin Vazquez (Aleinikov 46), Ancelotti (Stoichkov 23), Van Basten (Francescoli 23), Milla (Joao Paulo 46).

Brazil: Sergio (Ronaldo 55) – Gil Baiano (Cassio 55), Paulao, Adilson (Cleber 46), Cesar Sampaio, Leonardo (Bismarck 55), Cafu, Donizete (Luiz Henrique 64), Charles (Valdair 50), Pele (Neto 40), Reinaldo (Careca II 50).

Pele's 50th birthday party was a weird event. Milan was hardly the right venue, even allowing for Berlusconi TV interests. An attendance of around 20,000 was reached only thanks to free entry for schoolchildren – and the use of 41 players made a mockery of the match.

The Soviet Union won a match played in a near-deserted Olympic/Lenin/Luzhniki stadium. A group of about 30 Palestinians waved scarves on one side of the ground, shouting abuse at about 50 Israeli fans on the opposite side. The Soviets took an early lead through rising star Sergei

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
**Nov 3 = Rome – EC gp 3**
**Italy 0**
**Sov Union 0**
**Att:** 52,500. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel)

**Italy:** Zenga – Ferrara, Baresi, Ferri, Maldini, De Napoli, Crippa, De Agostini, Mancini, Schillaci (Serena 70), Baggio.

**Sov Union:** Uvarov – Chernishev, Kulkov, Tsveiba, Shalimov, Aleinikov, Mikhailichenko, Kanchelskis, Getsko (Protasov 67), Mostovoi (Tataruchuk 85), Dobrovolski.

A disappointing European opener for the Italians. Still, it could have been worse. One late, rare error by Baresi let in Oleg Protasov but he shot over the bar with only Zenga to beat. The result stepped up the pressure on Italian boss Azeglio Vicini and meant the December tie against Cyprus could well be make-or-break for his managership.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
**Nov 7 = Bizerte – intl friendly**
**Tunisia 1** (Mondher Msakni 69pen)
**Norway 3** (Tore Dahlum 38, 75, Kare Ingebrigtsen 57)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 10,000. **Ref:** Madjiba (Alg)

**Tunisia:** Zitouni (El Ovaer) – Hicheri, Mhjoubi, Ben Nagi, Khemiri – Selimi, Mizouri (Smirani), Nasri, Msakni (Garharbi) – Tlemcani, Mejri.

**Norway:** Rossbach – Lydersen, T Pedersen, Nilsen, Fjortoft, Estevaag, Ingebrigten, Housten, E Pedersen, Sorloth, Dahlum.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8
**Nov 8 = Belem – intl friendly**
**Brazil 0**
**Chile 0**
**Att:** 23,000. **Ref:** Felix (Brz)

Brazil: Sergio – Gil Baiano (Luiz Henrique 38), Lira, Paulao (Cleber 70), Adilson, Neto (Valdeir 46), Cesar Sampaio (Leonardo 83), Donizete, Cafu, Careca II, Charles.

**Chile:** Cornez – Romero, Garrido, Vilches, Margas, Pizarro, Ormeno (Juan Garrido 73), Estay, Martinez (Guarda 46; Vargas), Contreras (Puebla 64), Gonzalez (Zambrano).

This was Brazil's fourth successive game without a goal. The disappointing result followed hard upon reports that coach Falcao had threatened to resign after the CBF allowed two of his squad men, Botafogo's Valdeir and Vasco's Bebeto, play in the national championship match between their two clubs on the previous Tuesday. Valdeir played against Chile as a second-half substitute but Bebeto was injured playing for Vasco and was unfit for the international. Neto came close three times for Brazil in the first 15 minutes with free kicks. Chile were closest in the 23rd minute when rightback Romero picked up a loose pass in midfield and fired narrowly wide.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
**Nov 11 = Tunis – intl friendly**
**Tunisia 1** (Monder Msakni 46)
**Finland 2** (Patelainen 44, Ari Tegelberg 75)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 12,000. **Ref:** Hansal (Alg)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
**Nov 14 = Vienna – EC gp 4**
**Austria 0**
**N Ireland 0**
**Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Biguet (Fr)

**Austria:** Konsel – Schottel – Pecl, Poger – Artner, Willfurth, Peischl, Linzmaier, Hortnagl – A Ogris, Polster (Pacult 70).

**N Ireland:** Kee – Donaghy, Taggart, McDonald, Worthington – Dennison, D Wilson, Rogan, Black (Morrow 82) – Clarke (Dowie 65), K Wilson.

Austria collected their first qualifying point from a disappointing game. It was a measure of concern over national football morale that a family ticket for the match cost only £3.50. Northern Ireland were first to threaten, in the 10th minute, when Pecl had to head clear a Kevin Wilson cross-shot. Pecl was in action again 11 minutes later, this time blocking a Dennison free kick. Austria's first chance fell to Willfurth after 33 minutes but he shot over the bar from close range. Linzmaier, Ogris (twice) and substitute Pacult kept Irish keeper Kee busy in the closing stages of the game. Manager Alfred Riedl ignored fans' calls to introduce Andreas Herzog as a substitute to enliven his countrys attack.

**Nov 14 = Sofia – EC gp 2**
**Bulgaria 1** (Nikolai Todorov 70)
**Scotland 1** (Ally McCoist 9)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 42,000. **Ref:** Kaupe (Aus)

**Bulgaria:** Mikhailov – Dochev, D Mladenov, Yankov, Bankov, Yanchev (Todorov 52), Yordanov, Stoichkov, Penev, Sirakov, Balakov (E Kostadinov 80).

**Scotland:** Goram – McKimmie, Malpas, McInally, McPherson, Gillespie, Durie (Nevin 67), McAllister, McCoist, McClair, Boyd.

Substitute Niki Todorov came to the Bulgarians' rescue, just as his arrival had turned the previous international, against Romania. Scotland took the lead after only nine minutes, threatening to repeat their success of 1987, when Mikhailov fluffed a left-wing cross from Boyd. The loose ball bounced off Durie's knees and back into the middle for McCoist to shoot home.
Bulgaria claimed the linesman had raised his flag when the original pass went out to Boyd. In the second half Penev hit the bar, and Todorov, after his arrival, forced one sharp save from Goram before equalising with a fortuitous effort which took a deflection from McKimmie and over the keeper.

**Nov 14 = Nicosia – EC gp 3**
**Cyprus 0**
**Norway 3** (Goran Sorloth 40, Lars Bohinen 47, Sverre Brandhaug 63)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 3,000. **Ref:** Petrovic.

Cyprus: Charitou – Kalotheou (Kantilos 49), Miamiliotis, Kastanas, Socratous, Yiangudakis, Christodolou, Savva, Tsolakas (Constantinou 74), Nicolau, Xiurupas.

**Norway:** Thorstvedt – Lydersen, T Pedersen, Bratseth, Lohen (E Pedersen 64), Halle, Brandhaug, Leonhardsen, Bohinen, Sorloth, Dahlum (Fjortoft 80).

Norway dominated throughout but did not take the lead until five minutes before half-time when Sorloth shot home from close range after Charitou fumbled a long shot from Tore Andre Dahlum.
Two minutes after the interval Lars Bohinen shot home from 25 yards and Brandhaug drove home No 3 in the 63rd minute. Erik Thorstvedt had a quiet night. Cyprus had only two serious attacks, both in the first half and which ended with shots from Savva and Nicolau flying wide.

**Nov 14 = Prague – EC gp 1**
**Czechoslovakia 3** (Vaclav Danek 17, 69, Lubomir Moravcik 77)
**Spain 2** (Roberto 30, Carlos 55)
**HT:** 1-1. Att: 35,000. **Ref:** Tritschler (G).

**Czechoslovakia:** Miklosko – Kocian, Kadlec, Hipp, Hasek, Tittel, Moravcik, Karel Kula, Bilek (Belak 80), Danek (Kuka 89), Skuhravy.

**Spain:** Zubizarreta – Quique, Sanchis, Nando, Serna, Michel (Amor 85), Martin Vazquez, Roberto, Goicoechea, Butragueno, Carlos (Baquero 62).

A lively game ended in a hard-earned victory for Czechoslovakia after Spain, at one point, led 2-1. Danek shot the Czechoslovaks in front after 17 minutes after Spain failed to cut out a Moravcik cross. Spain equalised on the half-hour after a goal area scramble ended in Roberto's shot being deflected past Miklosko by Kadlec. Ten minutes into the second half Spain went in front when Carlos headed home a Quique cross to maintain his goal-a-game record in his three internationals this season. A fine save by Miklosko to a Roberto header proved the turning point.
Czechoslovakia forced their way back into the game and equalised when Danek beat the Spanish offside trap and shot home off Zubizarreta's hands. With 13 minutes remaining Moravcik shot the winner. Skuhravy headed down a cross from skipper Ivan Hasek and, when Kocian's shot rebounded from the post, Moravcik was there to score.

**Nov 14 = Copenhagen – EC gp 4**
**Denmark 0**
**Yugoslavia 2** (Mehmed Bazdarevic 77, Robert Jarni 84)
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 39,700. **Ref:** Midgley (Eng)

**Denmark:** Schmeichel – L Olsen, K Nielsen, Sivebaek, Heintze, Vilfort, Bartram, Molby (Elstrup 72), M Laudrup, Povlsen (Jensen 46), B Laudrup.

**Yugoslavia:** Ivkovic – Vulic, Spasic, Katanec, Hadzibegic, Jozic, Jarni, Susic, Pancev (Boban 11), Bazdarevic, Zlatko Vujovic (Najdoski 89).

Yugoslavia maintained their 100 per cent record thanks to two goals in the last 13 minutes. Denmark rarely looked like getting the better of their visitors, even though the Slavs missed the injured Stojkovic, Prosinecki and Savicevic and lost Pancev to injury after only 11 minutes. Skav keeper Ivkovic made good diving saves from Brian Laudrup and Jan Bartram before Yugoslavia snatched the lead in the 77th minute – Bazdarevic scoring after a break engineered by Susic and Vujovic. Denmark swarmed forward and left an even bigger gap at the back so substitute Robert Jarni could head Yugoslavia's second from a Vujovic cross.

**Nov 14 = Luxembourg – EC gp 5**
**Luxembourg 0**
**Wales 1** (Rush 16)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 7,000. **Ref:** Ulrich (Cz)

**Luxembourg:** Van Rijswijck – Malget, Bossi, Petry, Birsens, Saibene, Girres, Weis, Hellers, Morocutti (Krings 60), Langers.

**Wales:** Southall – *Blackmore, Bodin, Aizlewood, Young, Ratcliffe, Horne, Nicholas, Rush (Speed 83), Hughes, Saunders (Malcolm Allen 88). *Blackmore sent off, 11min.

Wales hung on for both points despite playing most of the match with 10 men after the 11th-minute expulsion of Clayton Blackmore – after fouling Jeff Saibene. Five minutes later Rush scored the only goal after a Peter Nicholas free kick was nodded down by Paul Bodin. Wales came close to a second after 26 minutes when Marcel Bossi cleared a close-range effort from Eric Young off the goal-line. After that, it was mostly Luxembourg. Pierre Petry was closest, just before half-time, with an effort which skidded just wide. In the second half Southall dived full length to save from Saibene and Girres.

**Nov 14 = Dublin – EC gp 7**
**Rep Ireland 1** (Cascarino 79)
**England 1** (Platt 67)
**HT:** 0-0. Att: 46,000. **Ref:** D'Elia (It)

**Rep Ireland:** Bonner – Morris, McCarthy, O'Leary, Staunton – Whelan (McLoughlin 72), McGrath, Houghton, Townsend – Quinn (Cascarino 60), Aldridge.

**England:** Woods – Dixon, Adams, Walker, Wright, Pearce – Platt, Cowans, McMahon – Beardsley, Lineker.

England manager left out Paul Gascoigne to bring his team down the Irish level. The end, apparently, justified the means with England taking a point from a game quite as awful as the World Cup meeting in Cagliari. Chances were few and far between. Gary Lineker missed one early opening for England who eventually took the lead in the 67th minute when Platt stabbed home a Lee Dixon cross from close range. It was another of Taylor's Aston Villa old boys, Tony Cascarino, who claimed the equaliser, climbing above the recalled Adams and McMahon to head home a Steve Staunton cross. The Irish might have had a 34th-minute penalty but Italian referee Pietro D'Elia – not having one of his better days – ignored Dixon's push on Andy Townsend.

**Nov 14 = Serravalle – EC gp 2**
**San Marino 0**
**Switzerland 4 (Alain Sutter 8, Stephane Chapuisat 27, Adrian Knup 43, Frederic Chassot 85**
**HT:** 0-3. Att: 931. **Ref:** Kapsos (Cyp)

**San Marino:** Benedettini – Montironi, Guerra, Gobbi, Muccioli (Toccaceli 46), Bonini (Matteoni 46), Zanotti, Francini, Ceccoli, V Pasolini, Macina.

**Switzerland:** Walker – Hottiger, Geiger, Herr, Beat Sutter, Bickel (Piffaretti 59), Chapuisat, Hermann, Alain Sutter, Turkyilmaz (Chassot 46), Knup.

San Marino's first full international produced none of the Faroes' fairytale stuff. They went a goal down in eight minutes when Alain Sutter lobbed home after robbing San Marino's lone professional, former Juventus star Massimo Bonini. Heinz Hermann laid on goal No 2 for Chapuisat and Adrian Knup scored his fourth goal in five internationals just before the interval. Substitute Frederic Chassot made it 4-0 just before the end but Switzerland boss Uli Stielike – banished from the bench for three games by UEFA – was not a happy man. He said: "We missed a chance to put on a show. We seemed satisfied with three goals. It was typical Swiss football." San Marino created two half-chances in the second half. In the 56th minute substitute Ivan Toccaceli was just too late to reach a long cross from Marco Macina. Then a 25-yard drive from Massimo Ceccoli flew just wide. Loris Zanotti became the first San Marino player shown the yellow card in a full international.

*Dziekanowski ... vital goal.*

**Nov 14 = Istanbul – EC gp 7**
**Turkey 0**
**Poland 1** (Dariusz Dziekanowski 36)
**HT:** 0-1. Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Spirin (SU)

**Turkey:** Engin – Riza, Ulgen (Sercan 67), Bulent, K Gokhan, Yusuf, Muhammet (Mehmet 67), Unal, Oguz, Tanju, Hami.

**Poland:** Wandzik – Kubicki, R Warzycha, Wdowczyk, Kaczmarek, Nawrocki, Tarasiewicz, Prusik, K Warzycha, Dziekanowski (Ziober 73), Kosecki.

Poland scored their first victory of the European campaign when Dziekanowski pounced after a shot from Roman Kosecki – a target of top Turkish clubs Galatasaray and Fenerbahce – saw his drive only blocked by keeper Engin. Turkey tried to step up the pace in the second half but badly missed their injured attacking star, Ridvan. Poland's Robert Warzycha was shown the yellow card in the first half, Turkey's Gokhan Keskin in the second.



INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

*Best foot forward ... Staunton (left) and Cowans in opposition.*

## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES

**GROUP 1:**

30.05.90 Iceland v Albania 2-0
05.09.90 Iceland v France 1-2
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10.10.90 Spain v Iceland 2-1
13.10.90 France v Czechoslovakia 2-1
14.11.90 Czechoslovakia v Spain 3-2
17.11.90 Albania v France 0-1
19.12.90 Spain v Albania
20.02.91 France v Spain
30.03.91 France v Albania
01.05.91 Albania v Czechoslovakia
26.05.91 Albania v Iceland
05.06.91 Iceland v Czechoslovakia
04.09.91 Czechoslovakia v France
25.09.91 Iceland v Spain
12.10.91 Spain v France
16.10.91 Czechoslovakia v Albania
13.11.91 Spain v Czechoslovakia
13/20.11.91 France v Iceland
18.12.91 Albania v Spain

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| France | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| Czechoslovakia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Spain | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Iceland | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Albania | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

**GROUP 2:**

12.09.90 Switzerland v Bulgaria 2-0
12.09.90 Scotland v Romania 2-1
17.10.90 Romania v Bulgaria 0-3
17.10.90 Scotland v Switzerland 2-1
14.11.90 Bulgaria v Scotland 1-1
14.11.90 San Marino v Switzerland 0-4
05.12.90 Romania v San Marino
27.03.91 Scotland v Bulgaria
27.03.91 San Marino v Romania
03.04.91 Switzerland v Romania
01.05.91 Bulgaria v Switzerland
01.05.91 San Marino v Scotland
22.05.91 San Marino v Bulgaria
05.06.91 Switzerland v San Marino
11.09.91 Switzerland v Scotland
16.10.91 Bulgaria v San Marino
16.10.91 Romania v Scotland
13.11.91 Scotland v San Marino
13.11.91 Romania v Switzerland
20.11.91 Bulgaria v Romania

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scotland | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Switzerland | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| Bulgaria | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Romania | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| San Marino | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**GROUP 3:**

12.09.90 USSR v Norway 2-0
10.10.90 Norway v Hungary 0-0
17.10.90 Hungary v Italy 1-1
31.10.90 Hungary v Cyprus 4-2
03.11.90 Italy v USSR 0-0
14.11.90 Cyprus v Norway
22.12.90 Cyprus v Italy
03.04.91 Cyprus v Hungary
17.04.91 Hungary v USSR
01.05.91 Italy v Hungary
01.05.91 Norway v Cyprus
22/29.05.91 USSR v Cyprus
05.06.91 Norway v Italy
28.08.91 Norway v USSR
25.09.91 USSR v Hungary
12.10.91 USSR v Italy
30.10.91 Hungary v Norway
13.11.91 Italy v Norway
13.11.91 Cyprus v USSR
21.12.91 Italy v Cyprus

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| Hungary | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Soviet Union | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Norway | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Italy |

*Grim's the word ... Arsenal chairman Hill-Wood and manager Graham after announcing the club's fines.*

# GRAHAM MARK ONE

## Arsenal boss runs the show his way

BY COLIN BENSON

**AS George Graham slipped through the marble hall of Highbury the other day I could have sworn that the bust of Herbert Chapman acknowledged his presence with a wink.**

**Certainly, Arsenal's most revered manager would have approved of Graham's moral stand following the fracas between Arsenal and Manchester United, even though he would have been outraged by players erring to such an extent that points were deducted from the club's total.**

**Chapman set high standards both on and off the field: he was known to call off a proposed signing after discovering that the player's table manners were not up to scratch.**

**Issues are not stretched to such a fine point these days but, like Chapman, George Graham runs a tight ship and is very strict on discipline.**

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**Graham's initial year in charge was most encouraging, with a Littlewoods Cup Final win over Liverpool providing earlier-than-expected rewards. Twelve months later the Gunners were back at Wembley to defend their trophy against Luton, but surprisingly lost.**

**Then came the ultimate prize, the First Division championship, clinched in the most dramatic fashion with a late goal in Liverpool's own back yard.**

**Yet far from their being a climax of his managerial career, Graham saw it as only the beginning.**

**He is fascinated by Arsenal's past and has added his own chapter or two to the club's glorious history. He is only the fifth manager to lead the Gunners to the championship, following Chapman, George Allison, Tom Whittaker and Bertie Mee.**

**Yet an honour which gives him even deeper satisfaction is to join that select band of Bill Nicholson (Tottenham), Howard Kendall (Everton), Bob Paisley and Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), who have played for a championship-winning team and then gone on to manage the same club to a further League title.**

### The caps

**"Stroller" Graham had been a key figure in the Arsenal team of the early seventies. He was a member of the side who defeated Anderlecht in the Fairs Cup Final in 1970, to put the first trophy on the Highbury sideboard for 17 years, then figured in the League and FA Cup double-winning side in 1971, and won a dozen Scottish caps.**

**Ability on the ball and accuracy of passing inevitably led him to withdraw to a midfield role before completing his playing career with Manchester United (43 League appearances); Portsmouth (61) and Crystal Palace (44), where he ended up playing centre-half in the reserves.**

**Terry Venables, who had moved from Selhurst Park to Loftus Road, kept Graham in football when at 35 and battered by injuries, including a broken leg and a broken ankle, he was contemplating taking a pub. Graham had coached the Palace reserve team under Venables, and jumped at the opportunity to manage the youth squad at QPR.**

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**On settling in at Arsenal he proceeded to show that there is much more to him than being a shrewd coach and a demanding manager. He has drive, energy and enthusiasm. But he also has business acumen.**

**When Graham arrived at Highbury in May 1986 Arsenal were £1.24 million in debt. Success over the subsequent four seasons generated £9 million plus in revenue to wipe out the deficit and leave the bank account firmly in the black.**

**Big money has been invested on some new players but big money has been accumulated from sales, and in real terms he hasn't spent a lot.**

**Graham's style has won him praise from Miami to Manchester. There has been the odd bleat from the training field, and failure to retain the League title prompted the usual crop of trite criticism. But he strongly refutes the faction who claim he is the Great Dictator.**

**One former Arsenal star dubbed him "Colonel Gadaffi" – but this was more in jest than in fear.**

*A Highbury legend ... player then trainer then manager Tom Whittaker.*

**Not that Graham bothers much about popularity. "Arsenal have never been a popular club," he says. "I've read books from way back in the 30s and they weren't appreciated even then. They introduced the stopper centre-half, for which Chapman got the credit, but I think it was down to Charles Buchan.**

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# GUNNED DOWN

BY DERICK ALLSOP

**THE Football Association took unprecedented action following the "mass confrontation" of Old Trafford, when 21 of the 22 players in a vital match were involved in a fracas.**

Arsenal were "fined" two points and Manchester United one, and both clubs were ordered to pay £50,000.

Officials refused to comment as they left the hearing to consider appeals, but Arsenal veteran David O'Leary voiced the fears of many when he said: "The champagne will be out in Liverpool tonight. The FA have as good as handed them the title."

Arsenal, closest challengers to rampant champions and leaders Liverpool, had slipped from six points adrift to eight.

### Recordings

Both clubs had taken internal disciplinary action following the incident. Many of the players involved were trying to pull colleagues away, and only two were booked.

Arsenal, under pressure following a similar incident against Norwich last season, fined manager George Graham and five players a fortnight's wages. United decided on the same punishment for three of their players.

Even so, the FA Commission felt they had to come down after hard after watching three video recordings of the incident. Arsenal were deducted one extra point because of last season's skirmish.

FA chief executive Graham Kelly said: "The Commission wanted to emphasise its determination to eliminate mass confrontation. To deduct points is an unprecedented action, but it was a step that had to be taken.

"It was deemed the most effective way of stopping this sort of incident, and I don't know if the effect on the Championship was taken into consideration. Fines have not succeeded.

"I hope the rest of football has now finally got the message."

The image of English football had been tarnished by a bitter outburst from Aston Villa chairman Doug Ellis after the 3-0 UEFA Cup away defeat by Internazionale Milan.

Ellis condemned referee Alexei Spirin and the behaviour of the Inter players, who came back from a two-goal deficit incurred at Villa Park.

"Television makes it clear the ball was over the line before the third goal," said Ellis. "The players feel cheated. You have to blame the referee and the linesman."

He then followed up with his attack on the opposition, saying: "It has always been the same, but the diving was beyond measure. The cheating, the body-checking and so forth is not our way of playing."

Ellis and the Villa players are entitled to some sympathy over that decisive third goal, but the chairman does not earn any respect for the rest of his complaint. Villa were played off the park by a team who responded magnificently to the demands of the occasion.

Considering the delicate circumstances of England's return to Europe, Ellis's comments are more disappointing still. The campaign for continued reinstatement demands the curbing of loutish conduct of any kind.

### Revived

Howard Kendall stunned everyone in the English game by returning to Everton as manager following the dismissal of his former No. 2, Colin Harvey. Kendall's new No. 2? Harvey!

If there was great celebration at Goodison Park, there was desperate disappointment at Maine Road, where Kendall had revived Manchester City in 11 eventful months. Alas for City, they had granted Kendall a get-out clause, subject to adequate compensation, and were powerless to stop him.

Kendall said: "My heart has always been at Goodison. It was a very big decision for me. But when I knew of the interest, there was only one place."

Graham Taylor's England successfully negotiated the first hurdle along the European Championship trail, defeating Poland 2-0 at Wembley.

Taylor said: "The message from this game is that England have a reputation as one of the best sides in the world and other nations want to beat us for the glory. This is a good result for us."

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